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Badr signs port pact in Manila

By Joe Pavia
Arab News Correspondent

MANILA, Dec. 19 — A memorandum of understanding on technical cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the Philippines will be signed at noon Saturday at Malacanang Palace. The memorandum, which will center on ports management and operations, will be signed by visiting Saudi Arabian Minister of State and Ports Authority President Dr. Fayez Badr and Philippine Public Works Minister Alfredo Juinio.

Before the signing, Dr. Badr will be briefed on ports operation at the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA) offices. He and his party will later be taken on a tour of PPA facilities at the Manila south and north harbors.

Badr flew Friday to Tacloban city in central Philippines Friday morning and received an honorary doctor of laws degree from the Divine Word University.

In remarks after accepting the degree, Badr underscored the need for the preservation of spiritual values and traditions. He also urged developing countries not to sacrifice such values for the material manifestation of the West. Badr added he was happy to note that the Philippines has preserved its moral values and traditions.

He was given a warm reception upon arrival in Tacloban aboard a chartered Philippine Airlines plane.

Among the places he visited were the Red Beach in Palo town where Gen. Douglas MacArthur landed with the liberating American forces in 1945, the Marcos Bridge linking the provinces of Samar and Leyte, and the port area.

Before returning to Manila, Badr said he was overwhelmed by the very warm reception given him by the people of Tacloban.

Earlier Thursday Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos conveyed the gratitude of his government to Saudi Arabia for its understanding of the problems confronting the southeast Asian nation and its readiness to help. Marcos expressed his country's gratitude to Badr during a luncheon the Philippine chief executive tendered at Malacanang Palace.

At the same time, Marcos and Badr pledged closer economic and technical cooperation between their countries. In expressing gratitude to the Saudi Arabian government, Marcos particularly mentioned the continued supply of Saudi Arabian crude, the one million U.S. dollar assistance for the amelioration of Muslim Filipinos through roads and irrigation projects, and the establishment of the Islamic Institute at the University of the Philippines.

Badr assured the Philippine president his government and people are aware of Marcos' (Continued on back page)

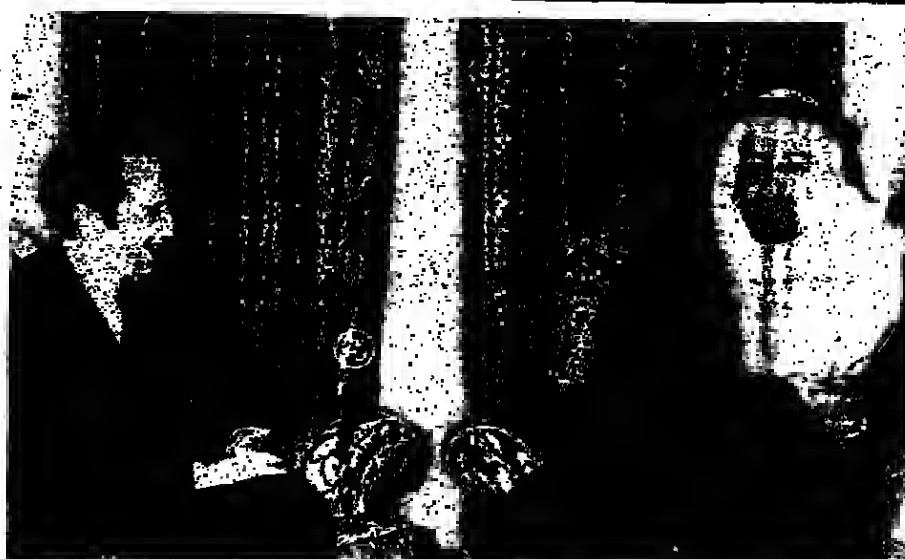
Israel pays \$6m to U.S. victims of Liberty raid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — The United States has accepted \$6 million from Israel in final compensation for the Israeli attack on the spy ship *Liberty* during the 1967 Middle East war, the State Department said. Thirty-four Americans died and 75 were wounded in the June 8 torpedo and air attack. Israel took responsibility for the attack and paid the United States \$6.7 million in personal damages during 1968 and 1969 for those killed and injured.

The U.S. navy maintains that the ship was lying in international waters north of the Sinai peninsula at the time. The weather was clear and calm at the time of attack, the navy record states. The United States originally demanded \$7.5 million for damage to the old ship, which was never repaired.

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MEETS KING: Algerian Foreign Minister Sidi Ben Yehya with King Khalid during talks in Riyadh Thursday bilateral relations and Arab issues.

Saud in Rome

Algeria okays Arab summit resolution

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Algeria has endorsed last month's Amman Arab summit resolution, Foreign Minister Saïd al-Faïsal announced Thursday. The minister said in a statement that the endorsement stemmed from Algeria's desire to reserve unity of Arab ranks.

(Prince Saud arrived in Rome Friday on a two-day official visit at the invitation of Italian foreign minister, Emilio Colombo.)

Algeria was one of four Arab countries, together with the Palestine Liberation Organization, that boycotted the Nov. 25 summit meeting in the Jordanian capital.

Prince Saud made the announcement after a meeting here with Algerian Foreign Minister Sadiq Bin Yehya, and Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi who are touring Arab capitals. Klibi has been endeavoring to get endorsement on the summit resolutions from those countries which boycotted the meeting.

The announcement also came as Syrian President Hafez Assad conferred in Algiers

with Algerian President Chadli Bin Jedd. Assad flew into Algiers following his unity talks in Libya. He returned home later Friday.

Prince Saud told newsmen on the eve of his departure for Italy and Morocco that the Kingdom's relations with Algeria were "excellent." Observers believe that Saudi Arabia is doubling its efforts to heal Arab rifts and to ensure maximum participation at the Third Islamic Summit which will be held in January.

The PLO will also attend the January summit, according to an interview published here with Khalid Al-Hassan, a member of the PLO's Executive Committee.

Prince Saud told the newsmen Thursday after attending the Algerian foreign minister's audience with King Khalid and Defense Minister Prince Sultan that the Islamic summit will be held on time. He then reviewed separately with Ben Yehya and Klibi the outcome of an Arab tour they are undertaking along with a set of world problems.

Alexei Kosygin, 76, dies

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (AP) — Former Premier Alexei Kosygin died Thursday night, unofficial Soviet sources reported Friday. He was 76. There was no immediate official confirmation.

The sources said Kosygin would be buried with honors, possibly at a full-dress funeral ceremony. His body was also expected to lie in state before the funeral.

Kosygin, who succeeded Nikita Khrushchev as premier in 1964, stepped down from the job Oct. 23. He was replaced by Nikolai Tikhonov, 75, in the premier's post.

Kosygin had been reported seriously ill with heart and circulatory problems for half a year, and his retirement was officially attributed to health reasons.

Friday was the 74th birthday of Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev, who had announced Khrushchev's retirement at a national parliament session. At the time, Western analysts were uncertain whether Kosygin had left his post in good political favor.

Brezhnev did not praise Kosygin at the parliament session, but later issued a statement of "gratitude" for his services.

Kosygin was not presented with any awards when he stepped down, but analysts said this may have been due to his poor health. He did not attend the parliament sessions and since then has been hospitalized at a VIP clinic outside Moscow.

He was the supreme survivor of Soviet politics, an occasional bothead who also displayed a wry sense of humor and warm human emotions.

He was 13 when the Bolsheviks swept to power in 1917. Twenty-three years later he had climbed within that government to become deputy premier under Josef Stalin



Alexei Kosygin

and later premier.

He not only survived Stalin's purges of the late 1940s but prospered politically. By 1964 he, Brezhnev and Nikolai Podgorny had replaced Khrushchev with their three-man troika — Brezhnev as the Communist party leader, Podgorny as president and Kosygin as premier.

Podgorny and Kosygin steadily lost ground to the emerging Brezhnev, who eventually ousted Podgorny and assumed the title of president.

That left Kosygin, an economics expert, the task of concentrating his efforts on running the unwieldy, centrally planned Soviet economy.

Kosygin often was on the spot when trying to push reforms through the Politburo, the policy-making body of the party. But Kosygin survived, and later became as visible a public figure as Brezhnev.

Hammadi tells ASEAN

Oil price increases won't affect relations

By Edward Thakarajah
Arab News Correspondent

BANGKOK, Dec. 19 — Oil price increases should not impede relations between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Arab countries but, will provide opportunity for countries in Southeast Asia to have more secure oil supplies, said Iraqi Foreign Minister Dr. Saadoun Hammadi before his departure from Thailand Thursday after a four-day official visit.

He told Thai Deputy Prime Minister Boonchu Rojanas Thien that Iraq is willing to expand oil exports to this part of the world and will do its best to ensure consistent supply in the future.

Earlier in his discussions with Thai prime minister, Prem Tinsulanonda, he said Arab countries are willing to provide regional nations, with more business and trade opportunities, and hinted his proposal for dialogue

between ASEAN and the Arab League would have the way for stronger economic cooperation between the two groupings. He also said that it could be used to formulate common stands on main political issues of mutual concern. Hammadi was referring to the Arab-Israeli problems and the Kampuchean conflict.

The Iraqi minister said his visit was fruitful and gave an excellent opportunity to explain to Thai leaders the Iran-Iraq conflict and also understand Thailand's position on the Kampuchean war.

"Iraq is strongly opposed to interference by any country in the internal affairs of another as in Kampuchea and Afghanistan," he said, adding his country will support Thailand's and ASEAN's proposal for convening an international conference on Kampuchea.

On the question of the recently spotlighted hardships undergone by Thai workers in

Israel attacks Lebanon

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (AP) — Striking under an umbrella of rocket-firing helicopter gunships, Israeli paratroopers and infantry commandos raided southern Lebanon Friday and killed four Palestinians and three Syrian peace-keeping troops.

The Lebanese government of President Elias Sarkis termed the pre-dawn attack an "overt aggression" and said it was lodging a "strongly worded complaint" with the U.N. Security Council, without seeking a debate.

The Palestine news agency Wafa quoted a Palestinian military spokesman as saying 17 Israelis were killed or wounded in the attack. He said four members of the Palestinian-nationalist forces were wounded, one seriously. But local residents in South Lebanon said an additional five commandos were killed.

Wafa, news agency of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), said the attack centered on three villages about 15 kilometers north of the Israeli border. The Palestinians estimated the Israeli force at about 500 men and said Israeli casualties were evacuated by helicopter under cover of a heavy artillery barrage.

Wafa said several Israeli vehicles were destroyed. A Reuters correspondent in South Lebanon said the Israeli troops blew up about five houses during the attack. Several buildings in the village of Aishiyeh, including the church, were damaged by shells.

He quoted security sources as saying three Israeli fighter planes attacked the village of Ali Al-Tajer early Friday drawing heavy anti-aircraft fire. The sources said three artillery shells fell on a suburb of the southern port of Sidon, causing material damage. They said Palestinian-nationalist forces opened fire on Israeli gunboats which approached the coast during the night.

Friday's raid followed a tense week in Southern Lebanon. On Sunday an Israeli patrol killed one commando in a clash on the border near the settlement of Zarit, and on Thursday Israeli-backed Christian militia forces claimed they killed eight commandos in a wide-scale attack on six Lebanese villages. Militia Chief Maj. Saad Haddad said a special unit of his militia blew up houses after three Christian villagers were killed earlier in the week when their vehicle hit a land mine.

Lebanese authorities in Sidon, a Mediterranean port city that is the provincial capital, southern Lebanon, said three Syrian soldiers of the "Arab Deterrent Force" in Lebanon were killed by an Israeli artillery shell that hit the southern Lebanese village of Rihaan during the pre-dawn raid.

The statement said the three Syrian soldiers died during an engagement with an Israeli raiding party in Rihaan in which the enemy suffered direct hits. Two other Syrian soldiers were wounded and a military vehicle was destroyed, the statement added.

Israel tops list of American aid

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Israel is top on the list for receiving United States economic aid when the new American administration takes over in the new year, the future U.S. defense minister, Casper Weinberger, said here.

In an interview in Washington with the Israeli army radio, he said the United States had its own budget difficulties but Israel would head the list of privileged countries receiving aid.

Expressing full approval of the Israeli-Egyptian peace settlement, he said the Camp David agreement was in his view only the start of a process leading to overall Middle East peace. The United States would step up its strength in Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere as it squared up to the Soviet Union and its allies. This would be done in the interests of the United States and not in relation to human rights, Weinberger said.

Iraqi Dr. Hammadi said his government should not be blamed because it is not the Baghdad administration which is employing the workers.

"They are the responsibility of international companies who have hired them. Iraq will certainly take full responsibility, for any suffering worker if it is the employer," he said revealing his country is in need of more Thai workers and would welcome if provided through good agencies.

Meanwhile a group of 29 Thais stranded in Turkey since October after fleeing Iraq following the war with Iran flew into Bangkok Thursday alleging that they had not been paid since they were employed on a pipe-laying project seven months ago. They asked the Thai Labour Department to help them find jobs abroad to recoup \$1,100 fee each had paid to a job agency here before going to Iraq.

26 killed Quake hits Iran

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (AP) — An earthquake struck Tehran, the holy city of Oom and several other villages in Iran Friday and Muslim radio reported 26 persons killed and Muslim Shiite religious shrines suffered "considerable" damage.

The broadcast, monitored in Beirut, said the quake measured 5.7 degrees on the Richter scale and killed eight persons in Oom alone and "fractured" the gold dome of "Massoumeh" shrine in the Shiite capital 80 miles (129 km) south of Tehran.

The dome covered the mosque containing the tomb of Fatima Al Vassoumeh, sister of Imam Riza, one of the Shiite leaders who lived in the 9th century. The shrine has been the pilgrimage site for devout Shiites since the 17th century.

The radio said the tomb of Imam Zadeh Abdulla, another Shiite Imam buried in Oom, also suffered damage as "emergency and rescue operations" were staged in the city and neighboring villages. The broadcast quoted Iran's official news agency Pars as saying four other people were killed in Ome-Cham and another four in Chechem Ali. Both are villages near Oom.

The broadcast said three persons were killed in Dastgerd, two in Giv and five near Savah, without giving the specific location of the three sites. Pars earlier reported four killed in Chechem Ali, saying the quake's epicenter was estimated to be 125 miles (202 km) east of the capital, Tehran. This would place it in the vicinity of Semnan, a provincial capital of about 60,000 people in the foothills of the Alburz Mountains.

Yamani fears oil glut weakening conservation

CANBERRA, Dec. 19 (R) — Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said he feared that an glut of oil when the Gulf war ended would weaken the drive to conserve fuel and seek alternative energy sources. Sheikh Yamani, who is on a week's visit to Australia, told the National Press Club that after the war Iran and Iraq were likely to produce a much oil as they could to rebuild their economies.

He was concerned that consumers would act as they did after the 1973-4 oil crisis. "Everybody will say now it's all right. We don't have to worry, we'll go back to our old habits, drive our automobiles as much as it pleases us, use as much energy in heating, cooling etc. as we need and forget about coal, nuclear and other sources of energy," he said.

If that happened, the next energy crisis would be very serious, he said, adding that measures would probably have to be taken in 1982 to maintain the momentum of conservation and conversion to other energy sources.

He predicted there would be no sharp increases in oil prices next year and a rise of about 10 per cent in 1982.

But if the price of oil was allowed to drop in real terms there would be an increase in demand leading to a dramatic jump in prices. He expected the Gulf war to end soon because he said Iran and Iraq could not fight without revenue from oil exports. Replying to questions, Sheikh Yamani opposed the idea of a U.S. base in the Gulf. "We are against the American existence (in the Gulf) because we think that is a justification for the Russians to step in and have an existence," he said.

He thought the United States should strengthen its allies in the area so that they could defend themselves against pro-Soviet neighbors.

Between Syria, Libya

Panel to supervise merger

DAMASCUS, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Syrian President Hafez Assad returned home Thursday night from Algiers after talks with Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. The Syrian leader went with a big delegation to Libya on Monday for discussions on the Syrian-Libyan union announced last September.

Syria and Libya agreed in merger talks this week to establish a joint revolutionary leadership to supervise the union of the two countries, the Libyan news agency Jana reported. The agency said President Assad and Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi also agreed to set up a follow-up committee to work out a detailed plan for a unitary state.

Arafat in E. Berlin hospital

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (AP) — Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has been admitted to a hospital in East Berlin for treatment of a slipped disc, a PLO spokesman here said Friday.

"It's not serious but it needs hospital treatment," said the PLO official.

The 51-year-old Palestinian leader has been wearing a neck brace for several weeks and at least on one occasion was forced to

cancel a scheduled public appearance at PLO rally.

The pro-Palestinian Beirut newspaper *As-Safir* quoted sources as saying East German President Erich Hoenicker sent his private aircraft to Damascus, Syria, to carry Arafat into East Berlin. The PLO official said Arafat arrived in East Berlin on Thursday.

As-Safir said he would require two weeks of treatment.

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National factories total 1,695

Industry figures released

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — The latest statistics show that by the end of 1979 Saudi Arabia had 1,695 licensed industries under the national industries protection, encouragement and foreign capital investment policy.

In addition, The annual report by the Ministry of Industry and Electricity's Industry Agency showed that industrial financing totaled SR30.5 billion by the end of 1979. The total number of workers engaged in the industries totaled 93,944 people, the report added. About 843 factories, 50 per cent of the industries, had not begun production until 1979, and their overall capital amounted to SR9.44 billion, the report said.

National capital investment until 1979

King receives cable

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — King Khaled Friday received a cable of thanks and appreciation from Sheikh Issa ibn Salman Al-Khalifa, the ruler of Bahrain, in reply to his congratulatory message on Bahrain's national day. The King also called his greetings to President Col. Hussein Kountche of Niger on his country's national day. He wished him health and happiness and prosperity for his people.

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amounted to SR26.9 billion, as opposed to SR3.6 billion for foreign investment — about 13.4 per cent of the total. As a result the number of national industries licensed up to 1979 totaled 1,278 factories compared to 417 joint ventures. The report also said 138 industries existed in the Central Province, 97 in the Western Province, 77 in the Eastern Province, 13 in the Northern Province and 30 in the Southern Province by the end of 1979.

The industries range from agricultural and animal production factories to petrochemical complexes. They include foodstuffs, ready-to-wear clothes, textiles, wood products, paper products, publishing, chemical industries — including petrochemicals, coal and plastic industries — pottery, china-ware, clay, tiles, glass, construction materials, mineral industries, storage and other industries.

According to the Saudi Arabian Monetary

OIC group proposed

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — A committee of legal experts recommended that the Organization of Islamic Conference should have a high-level standing political committee. The Bangladeshi proposal came at the end of a four-day meeting of the group, which was organized during the Islamic foreign ministers conference in Islamabad last May.

The meeting was attended by representatives from Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Gambia and Iraq. Sheikh Ahmad Al-Mubarak, head of the Islamic Affairs Desk at the Foreign Ministry conducted the delegates. The recommendation still needs the endorsement of Islamic foreign ministers when they hold their 12th regular conference in 1981.

Agency's 1979 annual report, the government has been working vigorously to expand the Kingdom's industrial base by encouraging the private sector to establish industries on the one hand, and initiating itself the development of large-scale projects that normally do not attract the private sector.

The incentives provided to the private sectors include exemption from customs duties of imported machinery and equipment, spare parts, raw or semi-processed materials, packing materials, protective tariffs or quotas against competing imports, financial assistance on a highly concessional basis, long-term leasing of industrial sites at nominal rent, preferential treatment for locally-manufactured goods in government procurement and assistance in the identification of viable projects through market research and feasibility studies, the report added.

Industries licensed under the Protection and Encouragement of National Industries Statute enjoy all these privileges. Incentives are also being provided to foreign capital and technical know-how to participate in the Kingdom's industrial development. The new Foreign Capital Investment Law promulgated in February, 1979 entitles foreign capital, if invested in development projects (excluding petroleum and mineral extraction projects) and accompanied by foreign technical know-how, to all the previously mentioned incentives plus exemption from income and corporate taxes for a period of ten years in the case of industrial and agricultural projects provided there is a minimum of 25 per cent Saudi Arabian participation.

A number of other government-sponsored institutions provide financial and other assistance in the setting up of industrial projects both in the private and public sectors.



CULTURE: Mecca Governor Prince Majed opened the Cultural Week for Jeddah this week with a lecture at King Abdul Aziz University of Jeddah. The governor replied to questions by students in the open dialogue. Seen to the right is Dr. Abdullah Nassif, rector of King Abdul Aziz University.

Totalling SR2,803,050

Salman receives welfare donations

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman received the 26th list of donations from individuals and firms. The donations totaled SR 2,803,050. Prince Salman also is chairman of the Islamic Welfare Society, to which the donations were made.

The Islamic Welfare Society is an organized way to offer Zakat (2.5 per cent of a Muslim's wealth) and help more people than by private initiative. Sheikh Saleh Abdullah Kamel, one of the founders of the society said. When the society was founded in 1979, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and Sheikh Kamel had written personal letters to 300 leading Saudi Arabians asking for their help.

The Islamic Welfare Society's objectives

include building charity hospitals where the poor would be treated free, and those who are able could pay their fees. The society has plans for building several hospitals in various parts of the Kingdom, before extending its services to other Muslim states.

The foundation stone for the society's first hospitals in Mecca was laid by Prince Salman in June, 1979. In a statement during the ceremony, Prince Salman announced that King Khaled donated SR 5 million for the society. Crown Prince Fahd and Prince Sultan, defense and aviation minister, donated SR 4 and SR 2 million respectively.

Building hospitals besides being an act of charity, also fulfills the needs of some parts of the Kingdom, Sheikh Saleh Kamel had said. Not being free, but charging those who can afford to pay, the society will be provided with the income to go ahead with other schemes.

Tunisia lauds local publishers

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mizali expressed his admiration for the efforts of a local publishing and marketing company for marketing Tunisian publications.

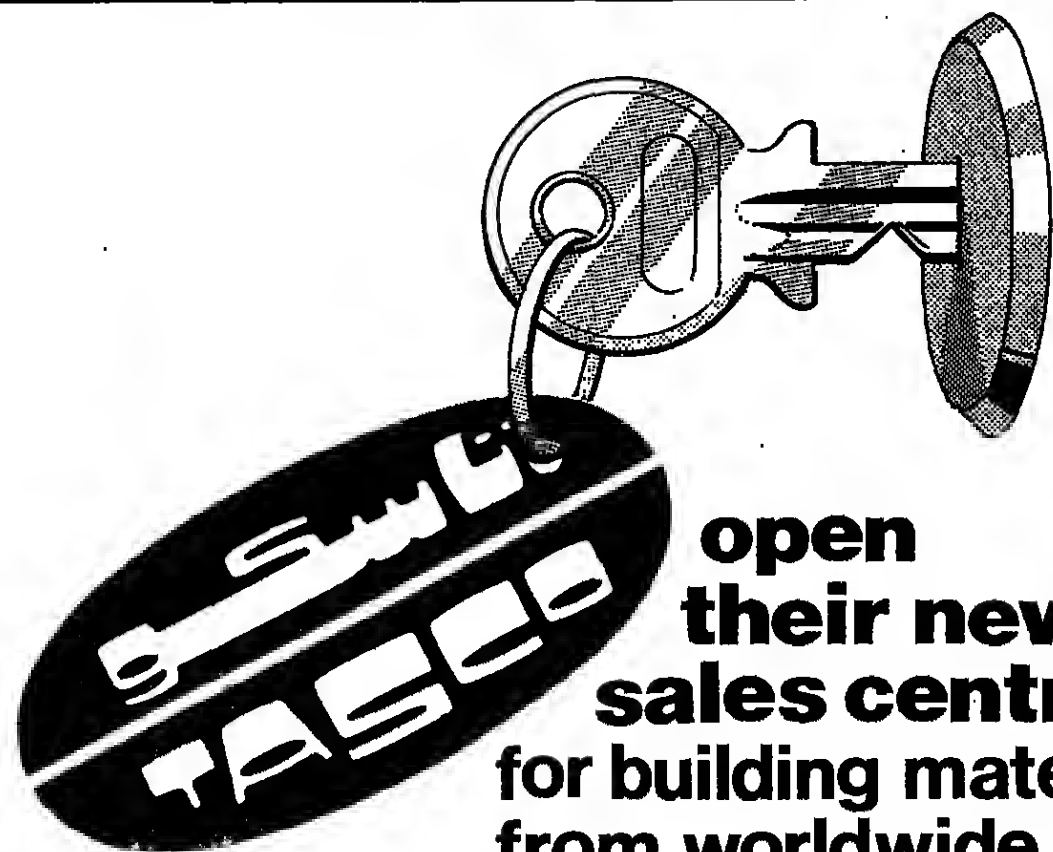
In a message to Muhammad Said Taib, director general of Tihama advertising, public relations and publishing company, the Tunisian premier praised the efforts for boosting the cultural ties between the Arab peoples of Tunisia and Saudi Arabia.

Premier Mizali singled out the efforts for marketing Tunisian books in the Kingdom, especially by removing the obstacles of high printing and freight charges. The Tunisian government intends to assist and encourage the distribution of books considering them a mental nutrition and industrial product. The government's moves will include facilitating financing and custom's fees, the prime minister said.

The message is an answer to a letter sent by the Tunisian premier reviewing Tihama's efforts in cooperation with Tunisian publishing and distribution houses, to find a market for Tunisian publications in the Kingdom. Taib pointed out in his message to the high publishing expenses in Tunisia that rule out the possibility of entering into competition with other Arab books. The director general called on Premier Mizali as an intellectual and senior government official to remove the obstacles blocking the exchange of books.

Tihama is planning, also in cooperation with Tunisian firms, to market Saudi Arabian books in Tunisia, in addition to publishing books there.

Mizali reaffirmed that proper solutions for the concerned parties will be worked out shortly.



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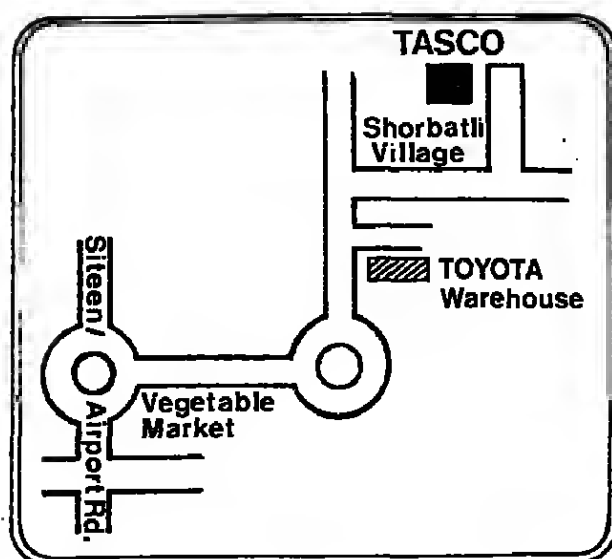
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At Khashm Al-Ayn

Abdullah inspects medical site

RIYADH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, inspected the newly completed medical compound of the National Guard at Khashm Al-Ayn Friday.

The facility comprises a 500-bed hospital, an advanced medical test center and a housing complex for hospital personnel. The prince was accompanied by Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khalil, minister of finance and national economy; Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, deputy assistant commander of the National Guard; and other senior officials and military personnel. He was received at the compound by Gen. Ibrahim Al-Rasheed, deputy chief of operations for the Guard, and Brig. Adnan Salama, director general of medical services.

Prince Abdullah first visited the hospital's mosque, then the central laboratory, the catering department and the hospital wards and surgical operation rooms. He also toured the handicapped patients section, the physiotherapy center and outpatient clinics. He then inspected the compound's special electric power generator, water sterilization plant and central air-conditioning unit. The tour also included the residential quarters, schools, conference halls, markets, gymnasiums and archives.

The hospital will reserve 200 beds for emergencies like accidents. Sheikh Muhammad said the hospital was among the most advanced he had ever seen and hinted that it will admit both military and civil patients. The hospital will be the only one in Saudi Arabia where limbs will be repaired or replaced, he added.

One of the main objectives of the government is to provide adequate medical facilities free of charge or at nominal rates for all sections of the populations, according to the



Prince Abdullah

Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's 1979 annual report. The report states further that to reach this goal, the Ministry of Health has continued to expand and improve its activities both in curative and preventive fields.

Murderer beheaded

JEDDAH, Dec. 19 (SPA) — A convicted murderer was publicly beheaded here after the Friday noon prayers for killing another man.

Farhan ibn Ali Al Ghamidi was found guilty of murdering Rasheed Muhammad Al Maghrabi. He confessed his crime and was tried and sentenced to death by execution, according to an Interior Ministry announcement. The ministry reiterated its firm intention to do its best to eliminate crimes and severely punish those found guilty of disturbing the peace of the country.

The budget allocations for the Ministry of Health reached SR 4 billion in 1399-1400, registered an increase of SR 137 million over allocations in the preceding year, the SAMA report states. Allocations for the King Faisal Specialist hospital rose by SR 71 million or 12.4 per cent to SR 645 million. Allocations for the Saudi Red Crescent increased by SR 7 million or 11 per cent to SR 59.3 million.

In addition to the Ministry of Health, other ministries and agencies, especially the Ministry of Defense and Aviation, the National Guards and the Ministry of Education also operate clinics and hospitals basically for their own staff, but also for other patients.

Labaki meets Rafie

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (SPA) — Kisrouan Labaki, secretary general of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry, conferred here Friday with Sheikh Abu Bakr Rafie, the Saudi Arabian charge d'affaires in Lebanon. Talks dealt with bilateral relations and preparations for the Third Islamic Summit.

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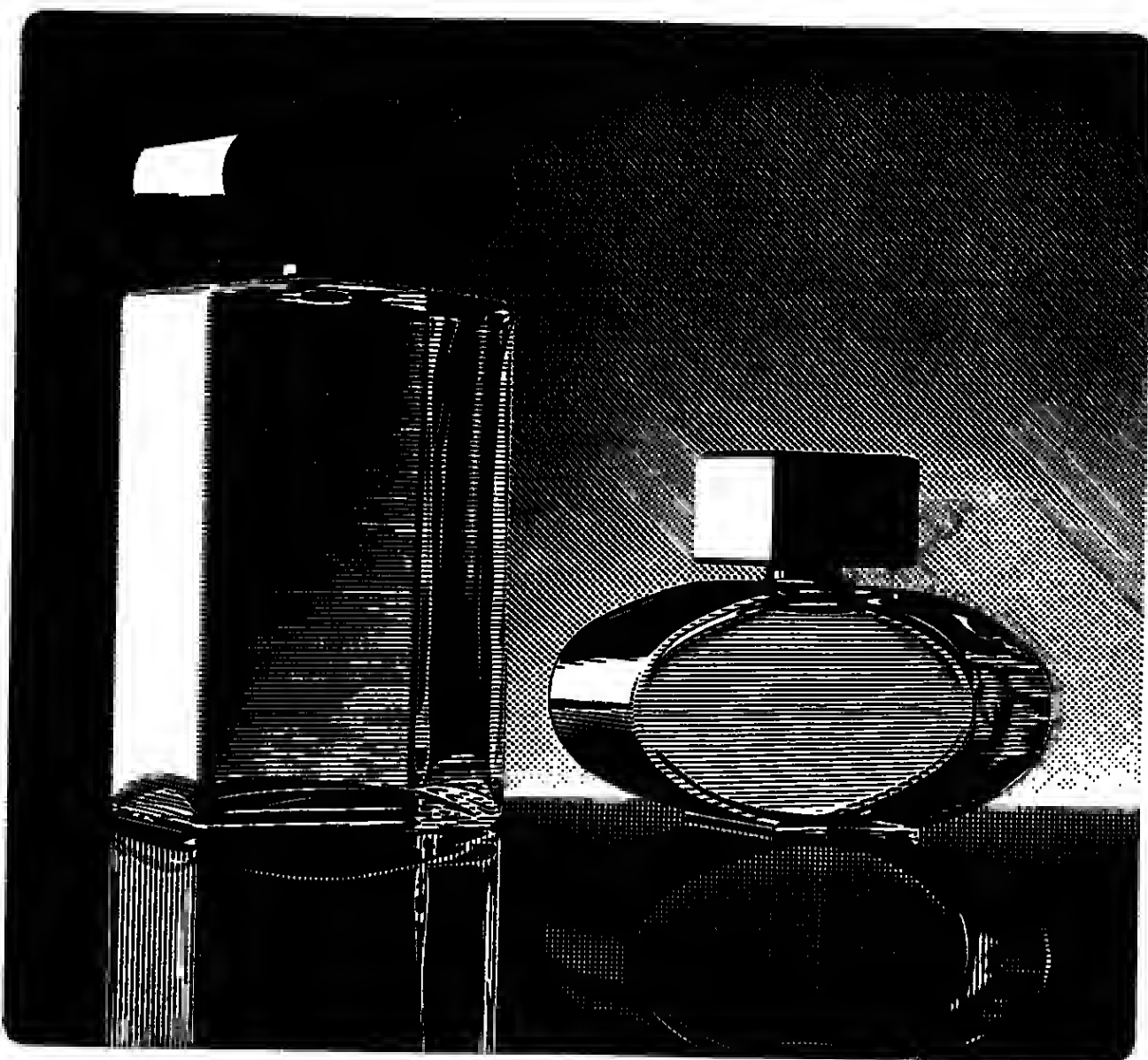
By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al Jazirah

Now that the Jeddah Cement Factory has been surrounded by construction activity, its operations at its present site seems almost undesirable. People have started complaining about the cement dust which has become a big health hazard.

When the factory was built, the site had been considered to be in a remote area, since no houses stood in the visible vicinity of the site. But now the area falls in the midst of building activity, and the after the opening of the new international airport the area will become the heart of Jeddah. It would then be undesirable to see the rising smoke and dust from the factory's chimney falling over the people even when they are inside their houses.

I had a hearty laugh when I read in newspapers that technical studies were being carried out to move the cement factory to a new site in Rabigh, nearly 100 kilometers north of Jeddah, and that the movement will take place after four years from now. I wondered why it would take four years to move the factory while it has been admitted that public health is in constant danger owing to the factory's existence in their midst.

I fail to understand the logic through which such decisions are taken in complete disregard of the four years of public life. Why should there be so much of delay when so much stress is laid on public health and security? Would it not be prudent for the authorities, who also form part of the public, to hasten to move the factory before it affects people landing at the new international airport? In writing this, I hope the authorities would take steps to have the factory moved without further loss of time.



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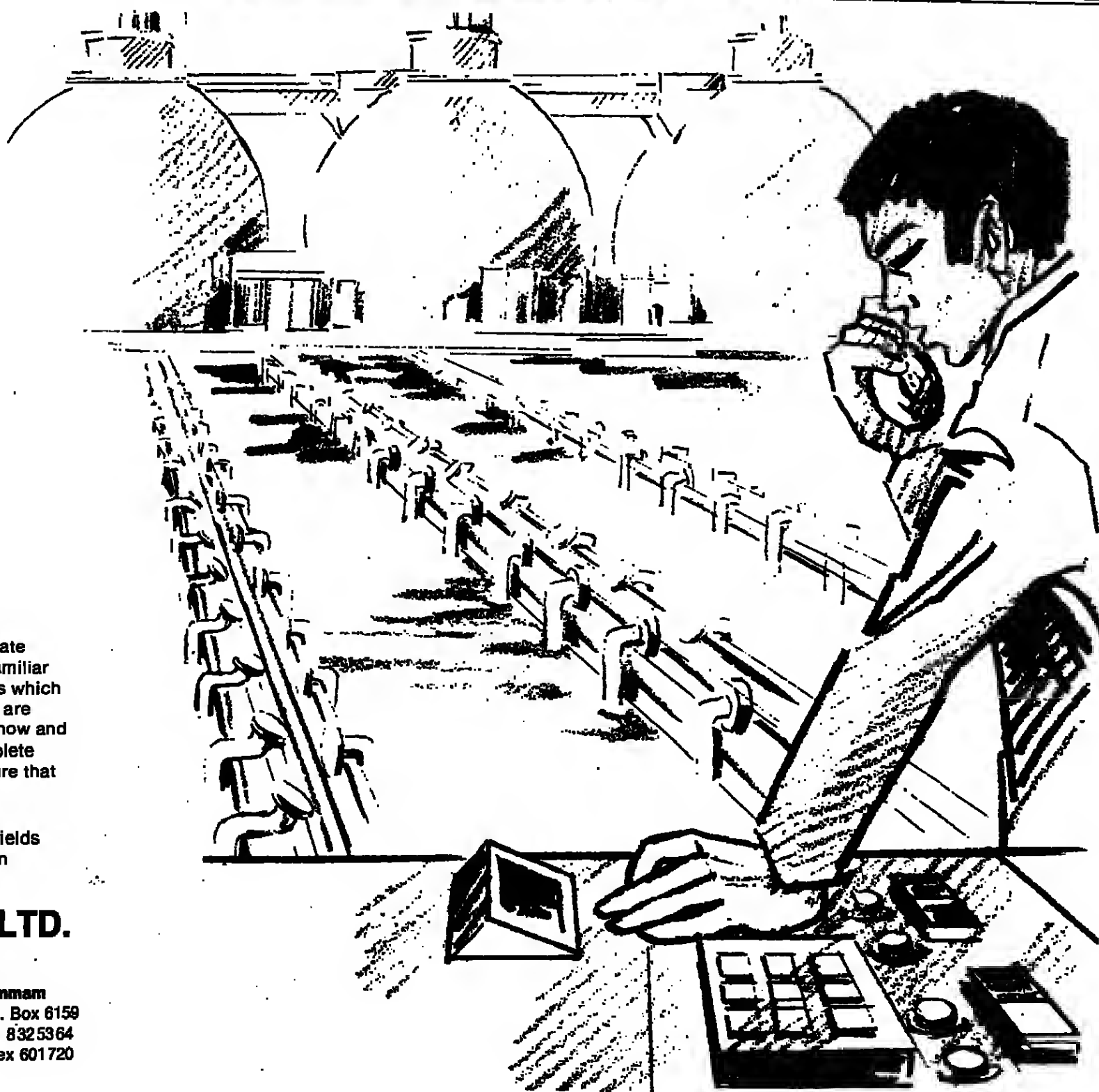
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We never asked Iranians for hostage card -- Arafat

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat says he turned down an offer by Iran to include one Palestinian condition in the terms Ayatollah Khomeini's regime has set for the release of the 52 U.S. hostages.

Arafat also said in an interview published Friday by the London-based Arabic language magazine *Al-Hawadess* that he would go to the United States if the three church organizations that sent out invitations to him would convince the American authorities to issue him an entry visa.

"Let me disclose a secret," Arafat said. "I have refused to have a Palestinian condition inserted by Iran for the release of the American hostages ... I don't want little gains in exchange for one or two hostages."

Arafat did not say how or when Iran made the offer to include a term concerning the Palestinians in the hostage negotiations. But the expressed disagreement with Iran over its policy on the hostages held since Nov. 4, 1979 by militant students.

"I believe Iran has not gained what it was

hoping for from the hostage affair," Arafat said, adding that the PLO never sought to get a mediaboo role in the case.

Asked why the Iranian Islamic revolution failed to "give the hostage card to the PLO," Arafat said: "Because we never asked to be given this card."

There were reports in the Western and Arab press right after the seizure of the U.S. embassy in Tehran that the PLO attempted to mediate but was rebuffed by Iran. These reports, strongly denied by the PLO at the time, suggested the PLO sought to get the hostages delivered to the Palestinians so that they would be in a position to negotiate an American recognition of the PLO.

Turning to the invitations he got from unnamed church groups in New York, Georgia and Washington, Arafat said he was willing to go to the United States, "but it is the responsibility of my host to get me a visa."

U.S. authorities never issued visas to PLO officials except to the U.N. premises in New York. Washington does not recognize the PLO.

Labor nominates Peres for premier

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — The Labor Party's nomination of Shimon Peres as its candidate for prime minister has raised new hopes for a more flexible Israeli approach by future Middle East peace negotiations, observers here said.

Delegates who voted in a secret ballot at a party convention Thursday gave Peres 2,123 votes and former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin 875 — the 70-30 margin Peres had demanded as a sign of confidence from his followers. There were 21 abstentions and 9

spoiled ballots.

Peres, now a strong favorite to take over the government after the legislative elections, is considered a "realist" if not a "dove." But the observers cautioned against expecting any radical policy shifts from him.

The 57-year-old opposition leader was supported by "hawks" of the Labor Party. Polls show the party well ahead of Prime Minister Menachem Begin's hard-line Likud coalition.

Egypt, Israel still split on autonomy

TEL AVIV, Dec. 19 (R) — Egypt and Israel, summing up progress in their negotiations on Palestinian autonomy during President Carter's term in office, said Thursday that much more remained to be done before agreement could be reached.

A communique, signed by President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, was issued here at the end of visits to both countries by Carter's special envoy to the negotiations, Sol Linowitz.

The talks began in June last year following the 1978 Camp David accords on Middle East peace, but have made little real progress.

The communique said: "We recognize that much more remains to be done; we are confident that through perseverance and mutual resolve we can fulfill the promise of Camp David."

The talks have been bogged down over the extent of freedom Israel is willing to grant the 1.5 million Palestinians on the West Bank,



OTEIBA HONORED: President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines confers a government award on visiting UAE Oil Minister Mune Said Otaiba Wednesday.

Hussein 'cancels' visit to Moscow

AMMAN, Dec. 19 (AFP) — King Hussein of Jordan has postponed indefinitely a long-delayed trip to the Soviet Union, well-informed sources here said.

Hussein first planned the trip on Oct. 15, then reportedly agreed with Soviet leaders to postpone it until later this month.

For victory celebrations

Qaddafi to visit N'Djamena

PARIS, Dec. 19 (AP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, whose tanks, planes and troops tipped the balance in the Chad civil war, is expected to visit N'Djamena this weekend to participate in victory celebrations, the French news agency reported Thursday.

Libyan forces backing President Goukouni Oueddei ended a nine-month struggle for the Chadian capital earlier this week by forcing rebels led by former Defense Minister Hissene Habre to flee the city on Monday.

AFP also reported from N'Djamena that the government forces also had taken Abeche, a town in eastern Chad near the

border with Sudan which was Habre's last stronghold. The agency, quoting informed sources in Yaounde, Cameroon, said Qaddafi would take part in a victory parade over the weekend. It would be the Libyan leader's second appearance in Chad this autumn. In November, he appeared at another victory celebration with Goukouni after government forces took the city of Faya-Largeau in northern Chad.

Habre pulled out of N'Djamena on Monday and fled across the Chari River into neighboring Cameroon, where he belatedly signed a ceasefire agreement.

Sudan, Kenya hit Chad intervention

NAIROBI, Dec. 19 (R) — Sudan and Kenya have called for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Chad and criticized what they called flagrant foreign intervention in the Central African state. The call was made in a joint communique issued in Nairobi and Khartoum Thursday night after a four-day state visit to Sudan by Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi during which he had talks with Sudanese President Jaafar Numairi.

"Both sides viewed with deep concern the flagrant foreign intervention prevailing in the

sister republic of Chad and called on all African countries to effectively discharge their responsibilities toward Chad by ensuring the immediate withdrawal of foreign troops and undertaking the necessary measures to bring about a ceasefire," the communique said.

U.S. officials in Washington said 6,000 Libyan troops with tanks and heavy artillery were in Chad backing the forces of President Goukouni Oueddei who have been engaged in a nine-month battle against the troops of Defense Minister Hissene Habre.

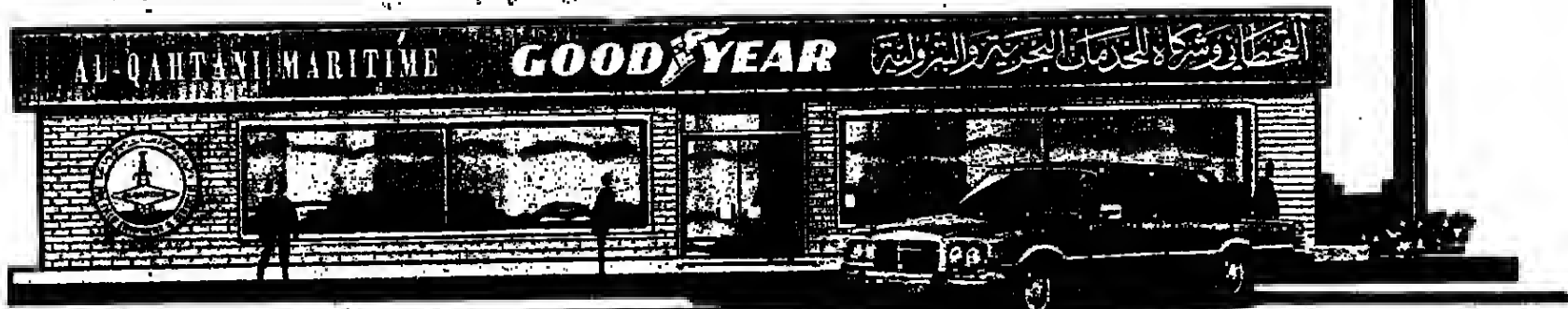


Gen. Zia excludes tension with India

ISLAMABAD, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq Friday discounted fears of mounting tension with India, saying his government is determined to follow peaceful coexistence with all its neighbors.

Zia told newsmen he felt no tension between the two countries, though "certain quarters" were "trying to create it." Pakistan, he added, was prepared to defend its borders itself, and there could be no cause for concern.

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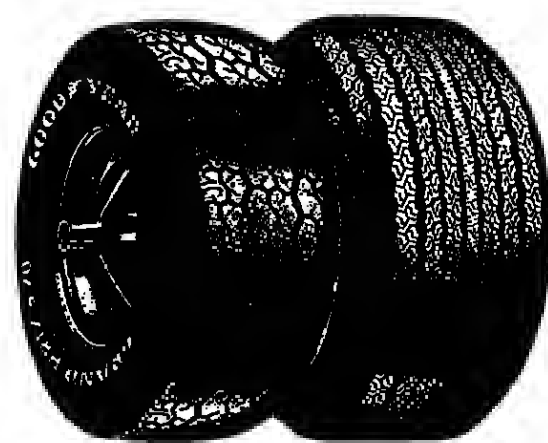
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'Traitor's' trial resurrects Vietnam ghosts

By Art Harris

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (WP) — He was the tall, dark-haired renegade marine from Indiana who spent the war with the enemy, moving through the Vietnam jungles on VC patrol, his feet protected by Ho Chi Minh sandals, a Russian-made AK-47 at the ready.

He wheedled, cajoled, sometimes terrorized American POWs to come on over to the other side, interrogating them in English, then switching to fluent Vietnamese to pal around with enemy guards, his bootmates. He savored special rations of canned meat,

defense that he outlined in opening arguments and is scheduled to begin in mid-December. He portrays Garwood as a mentally unstable high school dropout, dropped on his head at birth, who joined the marines as the only escape from reform school and a troubled home life in Adams, Ind.

Such an emotional history made him a prime candidate for what psychiatrists call atypical dissociative reaction, a mental disease brought on by the brainwashing or "coercive persuasion" Garwood suffered in captivity after VC yanked him from his Mighty Mite jeep Sept. 28, 1965, weeks before he was

symbolizes, but a whole generation of chance: the Beatles, Americans walking on the moon, the assassinations of Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr., Nixon's election and downfall.

Soon, his accusers came forward and the Marine Corps changed his status from POW to defector. It is uncertain whether he will be called as a witness.

"He's got to testify," said military judge Col. Robert Switzer in an informal chat. "How else will they get his story out? No one else is going to say (Garwood) was tortured and driven mad."

Garwood's defense is similar to the one F. Lee Bailey argued unsuccessfully for newspaper heiress Patty Hearst, convicted of bank robbery after she was kidnapped and tortured by members of a terrorist organization. Such a defense has never known to have been successful in an American court. But Lowe, who helped activist lawyer William Kuotsler defend Indians in the Wounded Knee trials, remains optimistic over a landmark decision.

According to Lowe, Garwood did his best to uphold the Marine Corps standards of bravery by trying to escape. He first tried six days after he was captured. He marched through the jungles in his underwear, a gunshot wound in his arm boiling with infection. Recaptured, he was beaten so severely he had to be dragged through the jungle on a litter.

The Viet Cong "exhibited (Garwood) as a captive... he was spat upon, stoned, sticks (were) thrown at him," Lowe told the court. He hung naked for a month in a bamboo cage without food or water, growing weaker, suffering from exposure, ravenous leeches and mosquitoes, malaria and diarrhea.

Only then, after degradation and humiliation, did Garwood break. Yes, he said, he would sign propaganda statements, then he tried to escape once more. Again he was caught, beaten and urinated upon. He was forced to watch VC use south Vietnamese POWs for target practice, required to witness Arvn soldiers play a Russian roulette game similar to that depicted in the movie, *The Deer Hunter*. Don't worry, the VC told him so he wouldn't avert his eyes, the gun isn't loaded. They lied. And Garwood watched men die for the amusement of his captors.

"The end result (of the trauma) was serious mental disease," said Lowe, who plans to introduce all manner of psychiatrists, among them one who is working with the State Department on the hostage release.

A jury of five marine officers, all Vietnam veterans who mirror the corps' psyche of toughness, must decide whether a marine can indeed break, whether Garwood is a traitor or a victim. Each was asked by a Garwood lawyer what they would do as a captive if a guard put a pistol "to your head and said he was going to pull the trigger unless you signed some innocuous statement... like, 'All Americans are imperialists.'"

"I'd tell them to pull the trigger," they testified, one by one during jury selection.

Some jurors said they believed a marine could be broken — others didn't. One juror said he'd commit suicide before being broke by the enemy.

But they also claimed they could give Garwood a fair trial, regardless of how their decision might affect the reputation of the Marine Corps. They said they could turn the clock back 15 years to examine the situation from the point of view of a 19-year-old marine private, now an enigma with dark deep-set eyes who sits watching the proceedings with apparent interest, chain-smokes Winston on his break, works as a file clerk on base when not in court and drives a cherry red '56 Chevrolet with foam dice hanging from the rear view mirror. He's still a private after all these years.

If he is convicted, Garwood stands to lose some \$140,000 in back pay, now held in escrow, and earn himself a sentence of life imprisonment. The death penalty was ruled out.

The Garwood case certainly resurrects old Vietnam ghosts the Pentagon tried to bury in 1973. Then, in a move to heal the nation's war-time trauma the nation's military leaders pressured then Air Force Colonel Theodore Guy, a POW for four and one-half years, to drop his charges against eight American POWs accused of collaborating with the enemy. Charges were dropped against members of the self-dubbed Peace Committee after one alleged collaborator, a marine sergeant, committed suicide.



AMBER: travelled 150 miles under a car hood

Traveling kitten's tale reaches happy ending

LONDON. — The perilous travels of Amber the ginger kitten make sufficiently adventurous reading for a modern fairy story.

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CHAPTER I sees Mrs. Kay German and husband Keith driving home to Worcester, England after visiting their married daughter at Tattershall, Lincs., 150 miles away.

Next morning 44-year-old telephone operator Mrs. German finds Amber outside her garage and, thinking she belongs to a neighbor, shoos her away.

CHAPTER II has three-month-old Amber sneaking under the hood of another car and emerging in Malvern, eight miles away, where a housewife finds

the kitten, paws badly burned by the car's engine, hiding in a coal shed.

CHAPTER III begins with the housewife finding a name and address tag round Amber's neck and phoning directory inquiries to try to locate the owner's phone number. And the operator who takes the call is... Mrs. German.

Mrs. German said afterwards: "When the woman said she wanted a number at Tattershall I remarked that I had just been there. Then she went on to tell me about the cat, and you can imagine my astonishment when the woman gave me the name of the cat's owner, Mrs. Lydia Anderson. She's one of my daughter's neighbours."

"If she had spoken to any other operator she would not have been able to trace Amber's owner, who is not on the telephone."



VIETCONG: did Marine Garwood join them?

sugar and cigarettes while they went hungry. And once, he "sucker punched" an American prisoner after protein-starved POWs killed the camp cat, the enemy mascot, skinned it and ate it.

To the North Vietnamese, he was Nguyen Chin Dao, "Son of Freedom Fighter." But to the American POWs who encountered him, he was just plain Bobby Garwood, traitor.

They are finally settling accounts on the witness stand here in a stuffy, wood-paneled courtroom on this sprawling marine base carved out of 110,000 acres of North Carolina woods.

But the trial of accused marine turncoat Robert Garwood, 34, who spent 14 years in Vietnam after he was captured outside Danang in 1965, is more than the saga of old soldiers settling the score. Garwood is the only American POW who has been prosecuted for desertion and collaboration with the enemy during the Vietnam war. And his trial is becoming one of the longest and most complex in military history.

At stake is more than the traditions of the Marine Corps, and whether Garwood violated the uniform code of military justice, under which he is charged with urging American troops to throw down their arms, desertion in time of war, collaboration and mistreating fellow prisoners. At stake is the code of conduct, the military's commandments, set down as moral principles to guide American soldiers taken captive. Hard liners, that is most marines, maintain that the code of conduct allows them to give no more than name, rank, serial number and date of birth to enemy interrogators, out withstanding torture, suffering, or the popularity of the war back home.

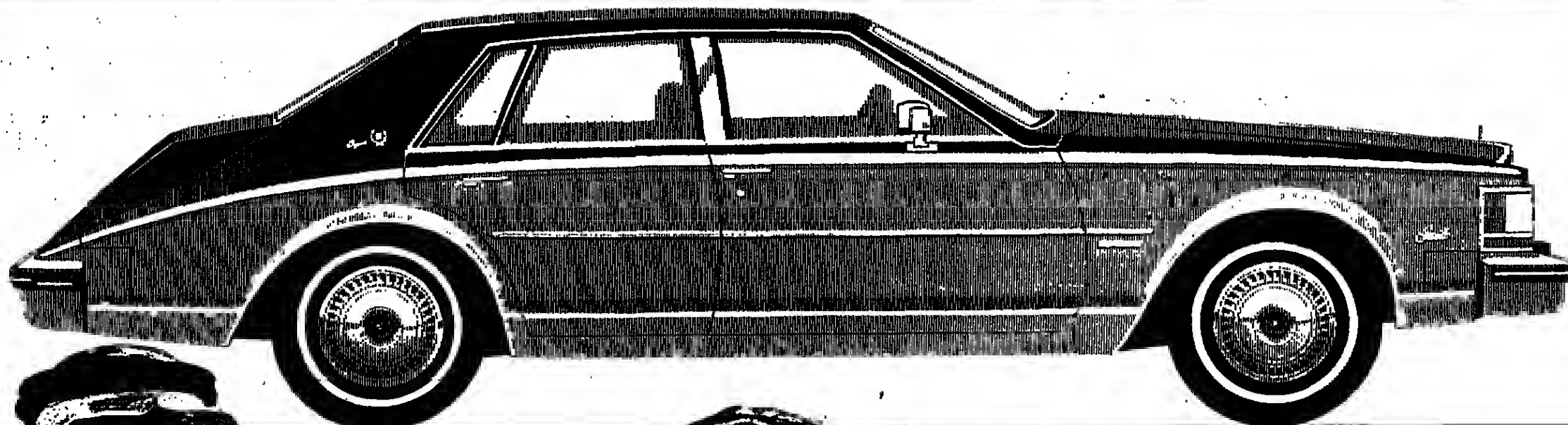
But his actions as a POW aren't the issue, say his attorneys. Garwood was a 19-year-old marine living on the edge of mental illness, driven insane — and into the arms of the enemy — by the torture and hardship he underwent as a POW. He can't be held responsible for his actions, argues John Lowe, 44, a silver-haired, silver-tongued Charlottesville attorney who heads Garwood's defense team.

Lowe has disputed little testimony, planning to mount a mammoth psychiatric

scheduled to go home.

It was a year before any American POW came into contact with Garwood. Little is known of that missing year or of the time Garwood spent in Vietnam after the troops came home except what Garwood has told his lawyers. Garwood has maintained he was a captive until he walked up to a Finnish businessman in a Hanoi bar in February 1979 and handed him a note that was relayed to the State Department. Sooo afterward Hanoi granted Garwood an exit visa and he was on his way home, a walking Rip Van Winkle who had not only missed the national trauma he

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From Mameluke epoch

Islamic manuscripts go on show in Bonn

By Jaya Ram

BONN, (INP) — Varnished and leather bindings, richly illuminated opening and concluding pages, and an array of script specimens used for writing the Koran and other scholarly works are among the salient displays of a recent Bonn exhibition entitled "A Thousand Years of Islamic Bookcraft".

The exhibition, sponsored by the national library of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation of West Berlin, presented 120 priceless exhibits of manuscripts from the Arab, Persian, Turkish, and Indian cultural realms, works created over a span of time dating from the 9th century to the year 1925 in the Christian calendar. The Foundation drew on its own vast collection of Oriental manuscripts (approximately 60,000 specimens) which are housed in the Oriental Section of the National Library in Berlin.

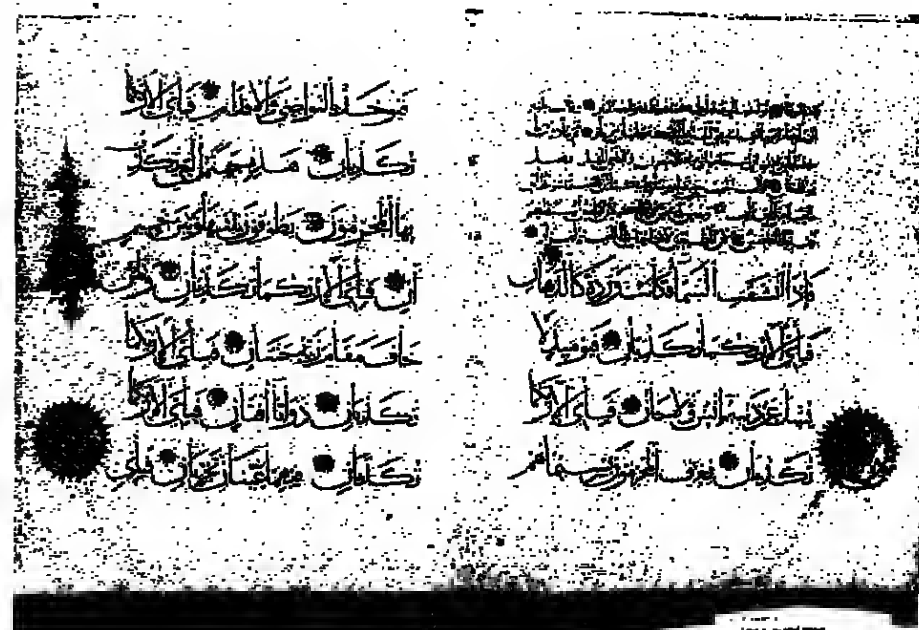
The Foundation's collection is, in fact, one of the most important of its kind in Europe, and the exhibits in Bonn reflected the collec-

tion's depth, ranging from separate sheets, miniatures and illustrations to medical, astronomical and cosmological texts.

The well-attended Bonn exhibition saw considerable attention devoted to manuscripts from the 13th to the 16th centuries of the Mameluke epoch (1250-1517), the heyday of the art of book-making. Two particularly noteworthy examples of well-crafted bindings were a volume on the chivalric arts (furuhiyya) and "Abu-Lait as-Samarqandi: Al Muqaddima (A Preface to Prayer)". The book on the knightly arts deals with riding, swordsmanship on foot and use of the bow. It's a dazzling manuscript in a black and red Tulu script and dates from the year 1355 A.D.

The "Preface to Prayer" is an Arabic manuscript with Turkish annotations between the lines.

This latter work was commissioned by the Mameluke Sultan Abu Nasr Qa'itbay (1468-95). Another work commissioned by the Sultan, equal in value to the afore-



KORAN: an illuminated codex produced by Rihani and Kafi in 1203

mentioned creation, is a remarkably ornamented volume which was produced in the year between 1468 and 1476. This Mameluke manuscript contains a poem of praise to Mohammed from the pen of Busiri (died 1294).

The exhibition catalogue, an excellent compendium prepared with scholarly meticulousness, draws particular attention to the illuminated codex of a Koran commentary dating from the beginning of the 13th century A.D. This codex contains the seventh and final portion of a Koran commentary, along with the text of the Suras 49 to 114 and their requisite explanations. This work is the product of the illuminator Muhammad Ibn al-Ghawhari al-Akkaki and the scribe Fadl Ibn-Umar al-Ra'id, and was completed in 1203. "Splendid through the imaginative and aesthetic powers of its formation," it is con-

sidered one of the grand achievements of Medieval Islamic bookcraft.

Conciseness of form and brilliance of decoration were the principles which guided the exhibitors in their selections. By focusing on a limited cultural and religious sphere, the National Library of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation adhered to an exhibition approach first applied in 1977 with the exhibition "Manuscripts of Southeast Asia".

The novel idea proved successful at that time. Some of the Oriental manuscripts come from the library of the Elector of Brandenburg, which had them in its possession as early as 1668. The Foundation acquired others through donations, separate acquisitions, and the purchase of complete private collections. A significant number came to Europe through travellers who passed through Egypt, India, and Persia.

Woodchester pavement copied

Roman mosaics reproduced by new technique

LONDON. — Accurate copies of ancient mosaics, exact in almost every detail, can now be re-produced using a technique pioneered in Britain. The new method was developed by brothers John and Bob Woodward of Wotton-under-Edge in Gloucestershire, who are making an exact replica of what remains of the world-famous Roman mosaic, the Woodchester Pavement, in south-western England, and recreating the missing areas which over the years had been destroyed by

grave-diggers. This 2,290 square foot (213 sq m) mosaic is said to be the largest Roman work in northern Europe.

The first stage in making the replica is to photograph the entire work in pre-determined sections so that a color transparency is available for each area. The color slide is then projected full-size on to a plate-glass work bench, which enables accurate cross-checks to be made of both the color and size

of individual tesserae. When the right color, shape and size has been selected, they are bonded on to a transparent sheet using a special cement and the gaps between each piece carefully grouted. In this way, the highest degree of accuracy is possible and a portable replica is then available for display or any other decorative use.

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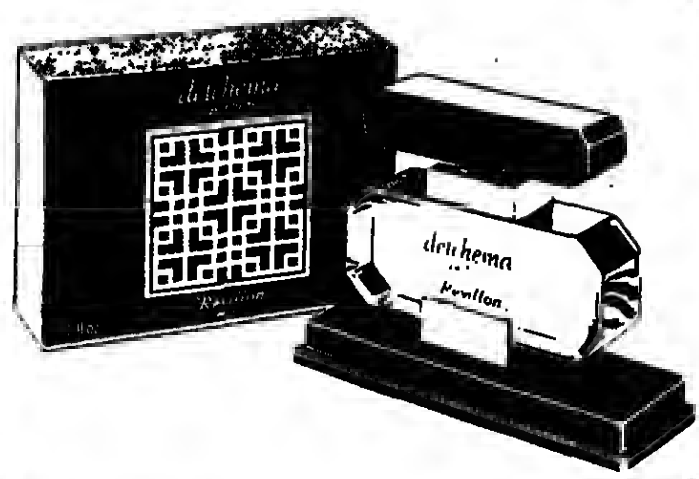
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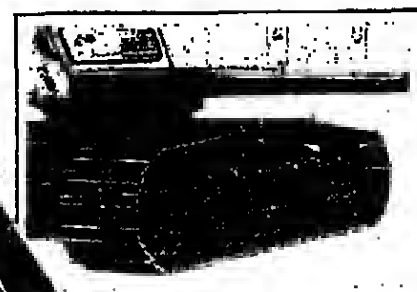
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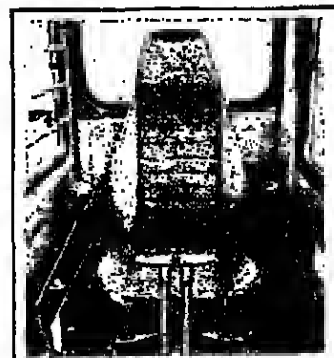
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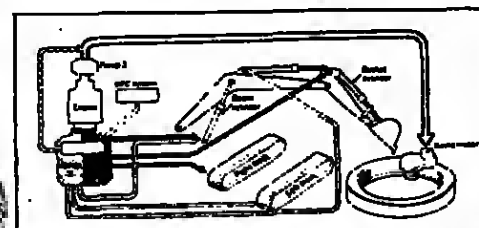
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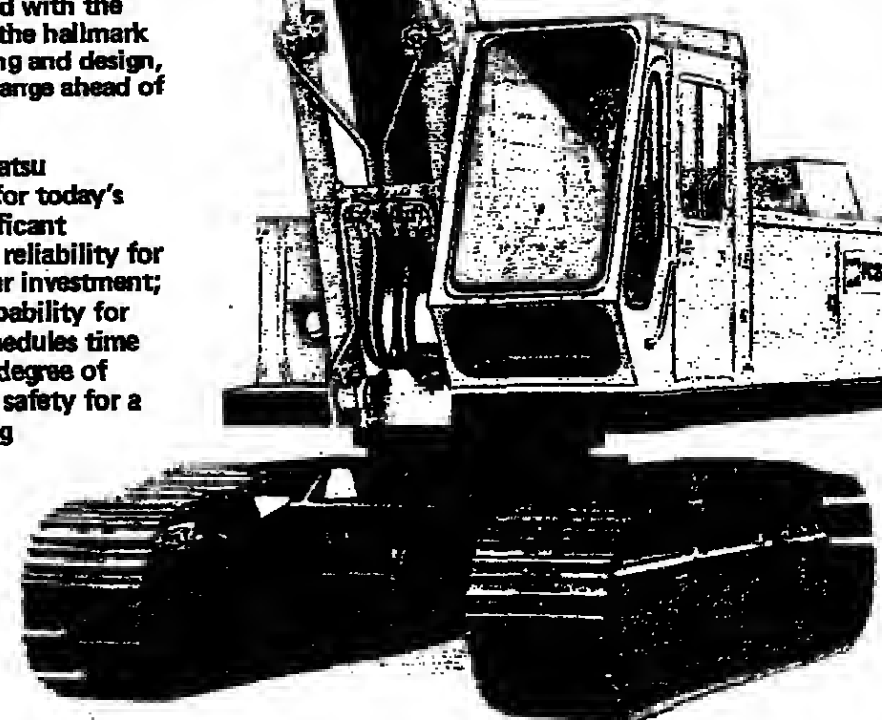
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Irish guerrillas abandon hunger strike

BELFAST, Dec. 19 (R) — Seven jailed Irish guerrillas, one of them close to death, have ended a 53-day hunger strike which threatened a reprisal bombing campaign in Britain and Northern Ireland over Christmas. The guerrillas, who were fasting in support of demands to be treated as political prisoners, said in a press release issued early Friday that they had ended the strike because of a statement to be made in the British Parliament.

Brown hits Bonn defense budget

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — U.S. Defense Secretary Harold Brown has bluntly reprimanded West Germany for falling short of its pledges to increase its defense spending in real terms by at least 3 per cent next year.

In a speech Thursday to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, Brown called the German projections for future defense spending a "severe disappointment." At the same time, the outgoing Pentagon chief warned that "a radically changing strategic situation makes even more essential the already urgent requirement for NATO to accelerate the achievement of its goals."

Brown also called on Japan and South Korea to "shoulder their share of the responsibility for defending themselves."

He cautioned American allies that the U.S.

Friday afternoon by Northern Ireland Minister Humphrey Atkins.

The implication was that Atkins planned to concede to some of their demands, but the minister Thursday night emphatically denied that any deal had been struck with the prisoners. One of the seven, 26-year-old Sean McKenna, was Friday in critical condition in a civilian hospital and was given the last rites by a Catholic priest only hours before the

Brown hits Bonn defense budget

Congress and public may lose patience with the foot-dragging on countries associated with the United States and with common interests, including access to oil supplies in the Gulf.

Brown spoke a day after the West German government announced real defense spending plans for next year which Pentagon analysts said will yield only a 2.2 per cent increase in "real defense outlays" after allowing for inflation.

West Germany, like the other members of the NATO alliance, pledged in 1978 to boost real growth in their military spending by 3 per cent, and the United States under President Jimmy Carter has been moving toward a rise of 4 per cent to 5 per cent annually.

hunger strike was called off.

Officials at Belfast's Maze prison said the other six and asked for food and medical attention Thursday night and had urged the authorities to give McKenna "all attention he needs."

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who had repeatedly refused to concede to the guerrillas' demands and risked a serious outbreak of reprisal action by the Irish Republican Army (IRA) if any of the prisoners had died, was reported relieved and pleased by the news.

All police leave in Northern Ireland had been canceled in anticipation of the guerrilla action that inevitably would have followed the death of any of the hunger strikers. Police in London were also at a high state of alert against the possibility of an IRA bombing campaign on the British mainland.

The decision to end the hunger strike came as a surprise to both the Republican movement in Belfast and to the families of the men involved. McKenna's mother was told only Thursday that her son would probably be dead within 24 hours.

Over the past few days the Roman Catholic hierarchy had put intense pressure on the prisoners to end their fast for the sake of peace and "Christian morality."



REVIEW: Italian President Sandro Pertini accompanies visiting Yugoslav President Cvijeta Mijatovic in a review of the mounted presidential guard in Rome this week.

Italian jet said downed by rocket

ROME, Dec. 19 (AP) — The Italian airline Itavia has said that radar screens showed that a military-type jet was flying close to its DC-9 passenger plane just before it crashed into the sea last June.

Itavia president Aldo Davanzali said Wednesday that he was "certain" that a missile downed the plane, killing all 81 passengers. The privately owned domestic airline submitted a document to a Rome prosecutor saying that radar showed that the DC-9 exploded into several pieces moments before the unidentified second jet crossed its path. Transportation Minister Salvatore Formica said previously that a missile was the most likely cause of the crash but he could not rule out other possibilities, such as a meteorite collision.

A Rome prosecutor interrogated Davanzali for two and a half hours Thursday to decide whether to charge him with spreading "exaggerated and tendentious" information by making the claim about the missile.

The Itavia jet dropped off radar screens into the Tyrrhenian Sea June 27 as it was flying south from Bologna in central Italy to Palermo, Sicily.

Watergate role questioned
Senate seeking Haig tapes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — U.S. Senate foreign relations committee aides have made preliminary efforts to gain access to unreleased tapes of White House conversations between former President Richard Nixon and Secretary of State-designate Alexander Haig.

"We've been contacted by the (foreign relations) committee," said an official at the National Archives who asked not to be identified by name.

The Senate committee will conduct a confirmation hearing on Haig's nomination early next year, and it was not clear whether the staff aides were representing Republican or Democratic senators.

Sources also said there have been "other requests from Capitol Hill" to listen to the tapes, "so far it's all been preliminary," said the official. He added that no one has been given access to the tapes, which are stored at the archives.

But a spokesman for Senator Lowell Weicker said the Connecticut Republican is prepared to go to court if necessary to win access to taped conversations between the former president and Haig, who served as White House chief of staff for the final 14 months of the Nixon administration.

"I know he's definitely interested in listening to those tapes," said Marty Moore, a spokesman for Weicker, the Republican senator most critical of Nixon during the Senate Watergate committee investigation in the early 1970s.

"It will probably be a legal effort" to gain access to the tapes, Weicker's spokesman said. Weicker is not a member of the foreign relations committee.

Haig has said he is prepared to answer any question Democrats might raise about his service during the Nixon administration, and Nixon himself is said to have assured Republican Senator Jesse Helms, would prove damaging to Haig.

Access to the Nixon material at the archives can come in one of three ways: through

Viets, Khmers clash

BANGKOK, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Vietnamese-led forces and Khmer Rouge guerrillas fought an hour-long battle in Cambodia close to Thailand's eastern border Thursday night, front-line reports said Friday.

The fighting was placed near the Thai village of Nong Ian, 15 kms south of the key Thai border town of Aranyaprathet. According to the reports, the fighting broke out when guerrillas moved to attack a Vietnamese unit stationed at a strategic point close to the border.

The reports said the guerrillas were believed to have suffered several casualties and that the Vietnamese side had support from tanks and heavy artillery.

The fighting came after five Vietnamese soldiers had been captured at the village of Salong Kong, north of Nong Ian, Thursday afternoon.

a judge's order, through a federal agency of the executive branch establishing a need for access, or by permission of Nixon himself.

R. Stan Mortenson, Nixon's lawyer, said he has received no request for access to tapes involving Haig.

The extent of the taped conversations between Haig and Nixon is not known. Haig became chief of staff to Nixon in early June 1973 and the secret White House taping system was turned off in mid-July of the same year, shortly after its existence was disclosed. Nixon resigned more than a year later, in August 1974.

The tapes are part of a 6,000-hour record of the Nixon administration. Democrats on the Senate foreign relations committee already have made it clear they expect to use the confirmation hearing to re-examine Haig's role in Watergate and other controversial matters during the Nixon presidency.

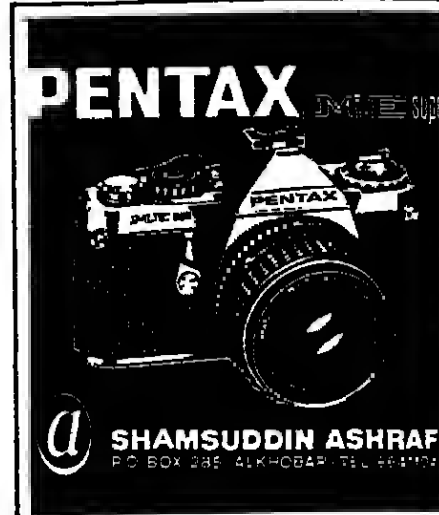
Athens stores burned

ATHENS, Dec. 19 (AFP) — An organization calling itself the October 80 Revolutionary Group has claimed responsibility for starting huge fires that ravaged two large clothing stores in the center of Athens overnight, police said Friday.

An anonymous caller claimed responsibility for the fires in a telephone call to the right-wing Atheos newspaper *Mezimerini*, police said the group gave no reason for its action.

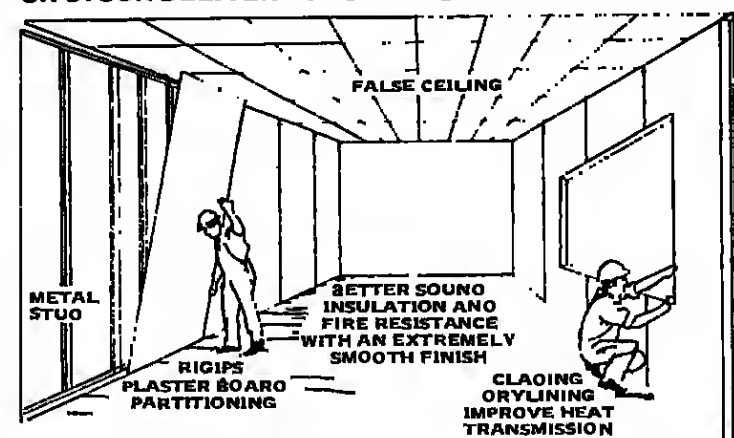
There were no immediate reports of victims in the fires but one of the stores, a sportswear shop called Katronzos, was almost completely gutted, police said. The city's entire fire brigade had been called out to fight the blazes and traffic was halted for a distance of several kilometers around the city's shopping center.

Greek Premier George Kallis went to watch the firefighting in person as did Public Order Minister Dimitri Davakis, who later announced that the fires were under control.



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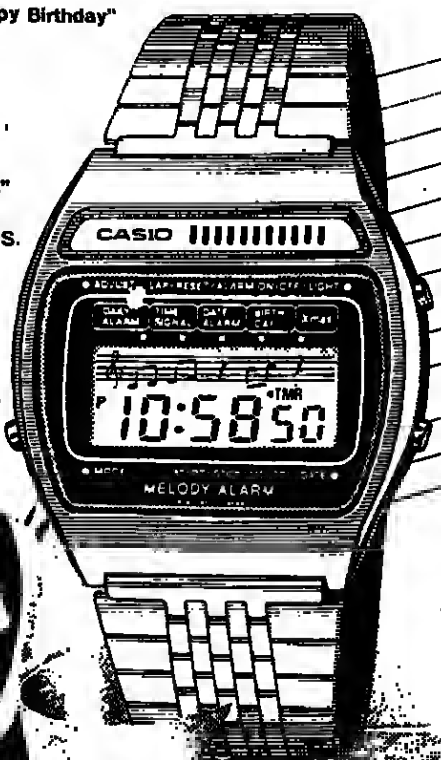
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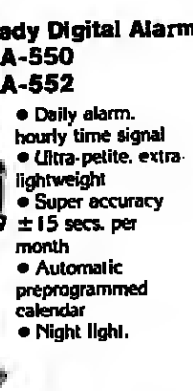
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Yesterday's joke, today's brainstorm

Official contracts stamp ad Mad-ness

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 19 (LAT) — Alfred E. Neuman and Barry Goldwater, Jr. are on the same wavelength. Neuman is a cartoon character with a vacant grin, the symbol of *Mad*, a satirical U.S. magazine. Goldwater is a republican congressman from suburban Los Angeles, the one with the bright idea.

Their common thread is the brainstorm of selling advertising on postage stamps, only Neuman was years ahead of Goldwater.

In July 1966, *Mad* ran a three-page spread espousing, tongue-in-cheek, the selling of advertising on postage stamps. Now, 14 years later, Goldwater is pushing the same thing, only his tongue is not in his cheek.

"Another mind we've twisted," said Al Feldstein, the editor of *Mad*. "This is just one more example of *Mad*'s constant experience of insanity turning into reality."

Goldwater, reached at his office in Washington, and told that *Mad* had espoused his idea, responded: "Are you serious?" He also said he was a periodic *Mad* reader and perused the magazine with more regularity

back when the postage stamp idea was proposed. "But I think I missed the July issue of 1966," Goldwater said laughing.

The *Mad* display, among other things, contained sketches of rental car and Burma shave stamps, along with soap opera stamps in which stories would unfold in monthly chapters. But the words that went with the pictures were very much like what Goldwater has been saying ever since the introduction of his Free Enterprise Postage Stamp Act last month. Goldwater figured advertising space would cost 20 cents per stamp, and would theoretically earn the government \$1.26 billion yearly.

"Stamps are seen by millions of people daily, and the only messages that come through are things like, 'It's the 100th anniversary of Groundhog Day' or 'Celebrating the bicentennial of the founding of the U.S. fertilizer industry,'" *Mad* said. "What we suggest is that the post office department get out of the red and into the long green by selling department get out of the red and into the long green by selling space for postage

stamp advertising."

Al Jaffee, the *Mad* man who created the postage stamp idea, said his notion was spawned because of the same problem Goldwater saw: the postal department going deeper into debt.

"For me, doing these things are easy because I don't have to face to any real problems," Jaffee said. "I do it for laughs. I don't see anything terribly wrong with it. I think a lot of stamp collectors are horrified by the notion that the product will be somehow cheapened by advertising. I don't have any strong feelings in that regard because I'm not a stamp collector. Stamps are to get a letter from one place to another."

This is not the first time Jaffee has experienced craziness turning itself into reality. For instance, there was the garbage problem. Jaffee suggested crunching garbage together, wrapping it and leaving it on a bus.

"Then someone comes up with the garbage compactor," said Jaffee, who has been a *Mad* artist for 25 of the magazine's 28 years. "I get a kick out of these things."

Bison drawing said Britain's first stone age cave art

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP) — Three archeologists, a Canadian and two Britons, have claimed the discovery of the first stone age cave art found in Britain.

They said they found a drawing of a bison with two heads and another of a deer-like animal with reindeer-type horns at the entrance of a cave at Symond's Yat East, in the Wye River valley. The cave is on the English side of the border with Wales, 3.2 km north-east of Monmouth. The cave was earlier identified as a home of prehistoric man when axe-dwelling relics were found there.

Flint tools were used to etch the pictures in

the limestone and some lines of the 254 mm bison drawing apparently were inlaid with copper oxide, as well as incorporating natural rock features.

Publishing details in the monthly *Illustrated London News*, the three scientists dated the drawings to about 13,000 B.C., in poor preservation but clearly exposed in infra-red photographs.

The discovery team is headed by Thomas Rogers, Welsh-resident Canadian director of the Stone Age Studies Research Association. His colleagues are Rodney Russell, who is attached in the bureau of Archeology in Zurich, Switzerland, and Andrew Pinder of the Institute of Archeology in London.

Rogers made the first find after exploring the cliffs for 19 years. He spotted the deer when he looked up at a rock overhang above his sleeping bag. Then he told his colleagues, "What we need to look for is a good, flat piece of rock," he recounted. He said the only

Tiny Anguilla returns to British colonial rule

BASSETTERRE, St. Kitts, Dec. 19 (AP) — Anguilla was to be formally separated from the British associated state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla on Friday and returned to British colonial rule, Premier Kennedy Simmonds said.

Anguilla's chief minister, Ronald Webster, announced that Friday had been declared a public holiday and that a week-long celebration had been planned.

Simmonds, during a speech to the St. Kitts-Nevis house of assembly on Wednesday, said England's parliament would formalize the political status switch on Friday.

The tiny eastern Caribbean island had

such piece of rock in view not covered with modern graffiti bore the bison.

The team also found flint implements — apparently for domestic use, large blocks of iron oxide which could be used for coloring, and bones of wolves, oxen and bear. The best-known stone age art is in France and Spain.

Rogers said his studies of the Wye Valley caves lead him to think that stone age man was "extremely simplistic, but not a primitive person. He had fire, which gave him time to think. He was a hunter, a gatherer, interested in barter and unaggressive. I would have preferred it to life now," he said.

"Aggression comes as soon as you get possessions. Possession is really responsible for most of man's failings today. We possess far too much. In the past they had only the possessions they needed to survive," Rogers commented.

sought the political change since Feb. 27, 1967, at the beginning of the British associated state of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla. On May 30, 1967, residents of Anguilla, led by Webster, forced the St. Kitts police force to leave the island. British troops were called in to restore order.

Anguilla, led by Webster, charged that the St. Kitts labor government wanted to dominate Anguilla and pay little attention to the island's needs.

As a result of Anguilla's objection, England approved a constitution for Anguilla on Feb. 12, 1976, to allow the island to remain a dependent territory as long as it liked.

Bid on direct satellite TV submitted to U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — From 1985, U.S. television viewers will be able to pick up program beamed directly to their homes from satellites if a proposal filed with the government is accepted.

The satellite Television Corporation (STC) said it would broadcast on three channels which subscribers could receive on regular sets fitted with special equipment, including a rooftop antenna. According to the application made to the Federal Commu-

nications Commission, which controls broadcast licenses, programs would include major films, pop concerts, experimental theater, and stereo sound or simultaneous second-language sound.

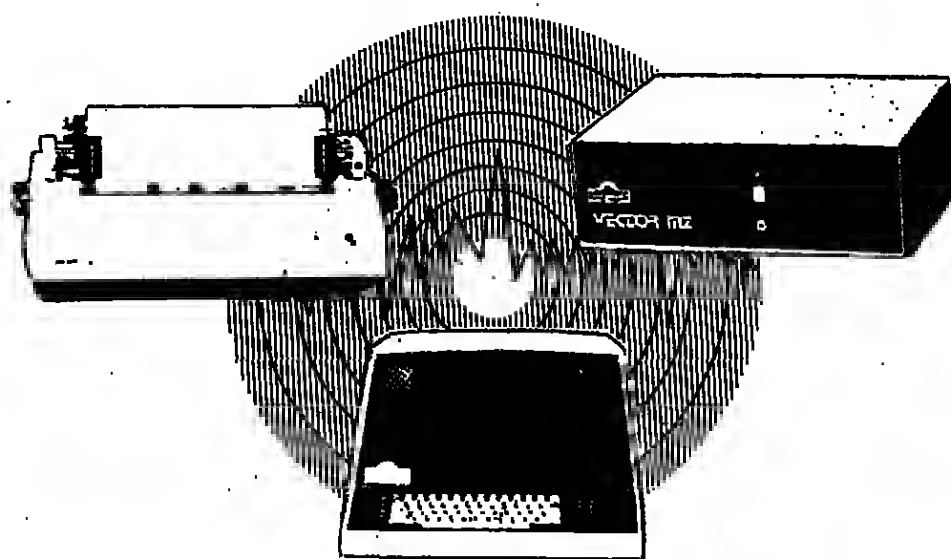
The proposal, which would require an initial investment of about half a billion dollars, has been strongly opposed by commercial television broadcasters but STC chairman John Johnson said that "the net impact on commercial television and its advertising dol-

lars is zero."

The U.S. magazine *Popular Science* reported recently that manufacturers already are gearing up to produce equipment necessary for home reception. A subscriber apparently would be required to buy a unit to modify his existing TV set and a dish antenna on his roof to pick up satellite signals. The cost of the equipment was put at around \$5,000. This would not include the subscription fee, which probably would be assessed monthly.

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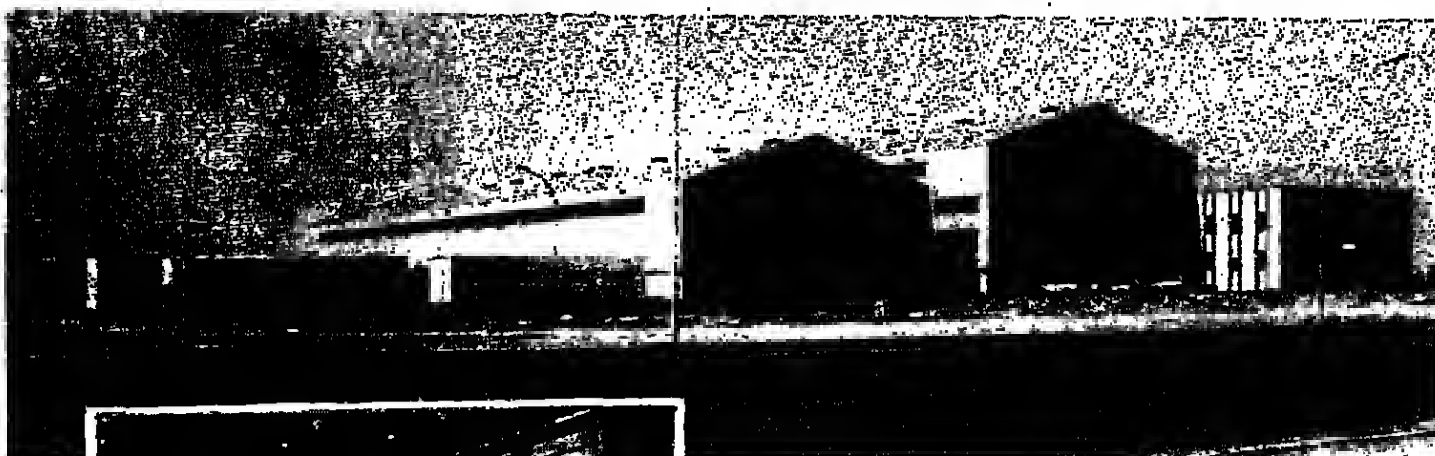
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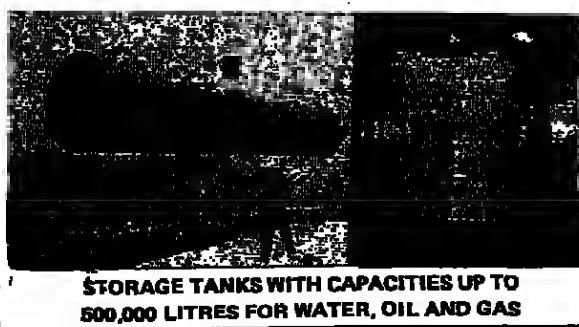
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Entry to EEC

Greece agrees on farm prices

BRUSSELS, Dec. 19 (R) — Greece has agreed on farm prices with its nine future Common Market partners, clearing the way for entry to the EEC Jan. 1. Thursday night agriculture ministers negotiated the final details of the support prices which the community will guarantee Greek farmers from next year.

Their agreement remains subject only to final French approval for high Greek prices for table grapes and pears, and EEC commission sources said this was likely to be given soon. In many cases, the agreement will mean higher prices for both Greek farmers and Greek co-farmers.

But for other EEC states, it will mean duty-free access to their own markets for Greek products, but at price levels with the EEC minimum price because of a system of levies and subsidies designed to balance out differences. From Jan. 1, price support will be paid from the EEC budget when necessary for Greek fruit and vegetables; wine, olive oil, cereals and other products.

At the end of the negotiations Thursday night Greek Agricultural Minister Athanasios Kanellopoulos said he had won all that he had been seeking. "We have found a solution which satisfies all," he told journalists.

For many products, Kanellopoulos insisted on getting higher prices than originally proposed by the commission, even though they were mostly not as high as he originally asked for.

With food prices going up, Greece's entry

into the EEC has not been overwhelmingly welcomed by the Greek people. An opinion poll recently published in Athens by the EEC commission showed that as many as 21 per cent of Greece's population were against Greece joining the EEC.

The poll, a random sample of 1,000 Greeks showed 38 per cent in favor of entry, 21 per cent against and 41 per cent with no opinion or choosing not to answer.

EEC commission sources said the atmosphere at the talks had been very business-like and the negotiations had gone very well. This was a sharp contrast to the EEC farm ministers' last meeting, earlier this month, when the Greek minister in a one-and-a-half hours speech accused the EEC of having an unfair attitude.

U.S. blamed for not helping poorest states

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — A top official of the World Bank blamed the United States Thursday for failure to get a \$12 billion program going to help the poorest countries of the world. "So far we have been unable to do this because the United States alone of all the other countries has not yet committed the funds," said Munir Benjenk, the bank's vice-president for external relations.

He was referring to the International

\$80m loan provided to Egypt for land development project

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (R) — The International Development Association (IDA) said Friday it approved an \$80-million loan for a land development project in Egypt. It said the \$193-million project will improve the economy by helping the rural poor to be settled on land reclaimed for agricultural production in west Nubariya.

The project is a joint effort of the World Bank and United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). The Egyptian government and local farmers will provide a further \$99-million for the project which will also receive \$10-million from the African Development Fund and \$3.1 million from the World Food Program.

The IDA credit is for 50 years with 10 years grace. It bears no interest except for an annual service charge of three-quarters of one per cent.

Meanwhile, the European Economic Community (EEC) is to grant \$9 million to the United Nations Food and Agricultural

World Bank aide says

Development Association, the part of the World Bank that makes loans to the poorest countries without charging interest. Funds for IDA depend on agreement among 33 governments. New contributions, including \$3,240 billion from the United States, were due last July 1.

The U.S. Senate passed the necessary bill, but the House of Representatives did not bring it to a vote despite a last effort, before Congress adjourned Tuesday. An aide to Richard Allen, senior policy adviser on president-elect Ronald Reagan's transition

team, told the Associated Press this was because the new Reagan Administration wants to review the whole question and possibly renegotiate the agreement.

Benjenk, speaking to the Women's National Democratic Club, said Americans had invented foreign aid and supported it enthusiastically after World War II. He recalled that representatives of President John F. Kennedy had "shamed" West European governments into joining in help to poor countries. The reason for lack of American support now, he said, is a lack of information.

FAO experts consider that Cambodian agriculture is now on the road to recovery and that the famine and the worst forms of malnutrition have been eliminated, thanks to an increase in production and food aid.

U.S. airs reservations

International meeting fails to regulate world tin trade

GENEVA, Dec. 19 (R) — International talks aimed at a new agreement to regulate the world tin trade ended in failure Thursday but the chairman of the meeting said he was sure further discussions next March would succeed. The conference was adjourned one day earlier than scheduled after the United States, the world's largest tin importer, and a few other countries expressed reservations about compromise proposals for the economic provisions of a proposed new pact.

But Peter Lai, Malaysian chairman of the talks in the Geneva United Nations office, told journalists it would be wrong to blame any single country for failure to reach an accord. He was certain that a fresh negotiating session next March 9 to 27 would produce agreement.

"No doubt when we come back there will be more horse-trading but the debating is over," he said. The International Tin Council, representing both producers and consumers, was now certain to extend the present tin pact, due to expire next June, for a further year, Western tin experts said.

It was the second time this year that attempts to produce a new tin pact have failed. However differences have narrowed since deadlocked talks last May. In particular, consuming countries have accepted the principle of export controls as a second mechanism to keep the market price of tin within agreed limits.

The chief mechanism will be a buffer stock run by the International Tin Council from which tin will be bought or sold to influence prices. It was agreed for the first time that the stock should be financed by equal compulsory payments by exporters and importers.

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Rich, poor disagree on holding global talks

UNITED NATIONS, Dec. 19 (AP) — Industrialized and developing countries failed to meet their target of holding global economic negotiations early next year as the U.N. General Assembly recessed its 1980 session Wednesday. U.N. General Assembly president Rudiger Von Weizsäcker said both sides "have been unable to bridge the gaps" over an agenda for the proposed meeting.

He said he would continue consultations with representatives of both blocs and report the results when the assembly resumes in mid-January. A major point of disagreement was said to be the degree of authority to be given to the conference that has been proposed to hold the global negotiations. The United States, Britain and West Germany want to prevent the conference from overriding U.N. specialized bodies, such as the International Monetary Fund, where they have weighted votes. The developing countries want to give the conference more authority than that.

Industrialized countries are also said to be pressing for an agenda focusing on the energy crisis. They seek an international agreement whereby oil prices would be subject to certain ceilings. But developing countries have said they want negotiations to be comprehensive. They say they agree to take up the energy issue only in connection with other problems, such as commodity agreements and tariff barriers set up by the richer countries.

Speaking on behalf of the group of 77, made up of 119 developing nations, Venezuelan Ambassador Manuel Perez Guerrero told the assembly his group was "deeply disappointed" with the failure to reach agreement on an agenda.

U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry said, "we tried valiantly but unfortunately we have not yet fully succeeded." An African ambassador, who asked not to be identified, blamed the current change of administrations in the United States for the setback. He said, "they did not want to make any long-term commitments that would tie the hands of the incoming administration."

Other sources said they did not expect the negotiations on the agenda to be resumed until March or April next year.

Industrialized nations of the north and their developing counterparts of the south have met in more than 20 U.N. conferences during the 1970s to discuss the poor countries' grievances.

Developing nations say the current economic order binds them to continue being exporters of cheap raw materials while having to import increasingly expensive finished products from the industrialized world.

U.S. accepts Israeli offer for damaging listening ship

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — The United States has accepted an Israeli offer to pay \$6 million for damaging an American electronics listening ship during the war in June 1967, the state department announced Thursday. Washington had originally asked for \$7.5 million.

The ship *Liberty* was 25 kilometers north of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula when attacked by

IDA helps urban areas in India

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) The International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced Thursday the approval of a credit of 32.6 million Drawing Rights (SDRS) or the equivalent of \$42 million to India for urban development. IDA said the development project is to be carried out in Madras, the country's most rapidly growing metropolitan area.

IDA approved a \$24 million credit in 1977 for a first urban development project in Madras. The second development project includes the development of about 15,000 residential and about 200 industrial plots on two sites totalling about 180 hectares.

IDA said that Madras, the trade and commercial center of southern India, had an annual growth rate of five percent between 1961 and 1971.

Drought could cause major crisis Food in most African countries 'extremely dire'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP) — The food situation in most African countries is "extremely dire," millions are on the brink of starvation, and trends throughout the continent are worsening, the executive director of the World Food Council (WFC) said Thursday.

Maurice J. Williams told a news conference that world food stocks are now very thin and a drought could cause a major crisis next year. The WFC was set up by the United Nations during a food shortage in 1974 for the purpose of increasing food production and distribution in countries of greatest need, and

provide a better system of world food security.

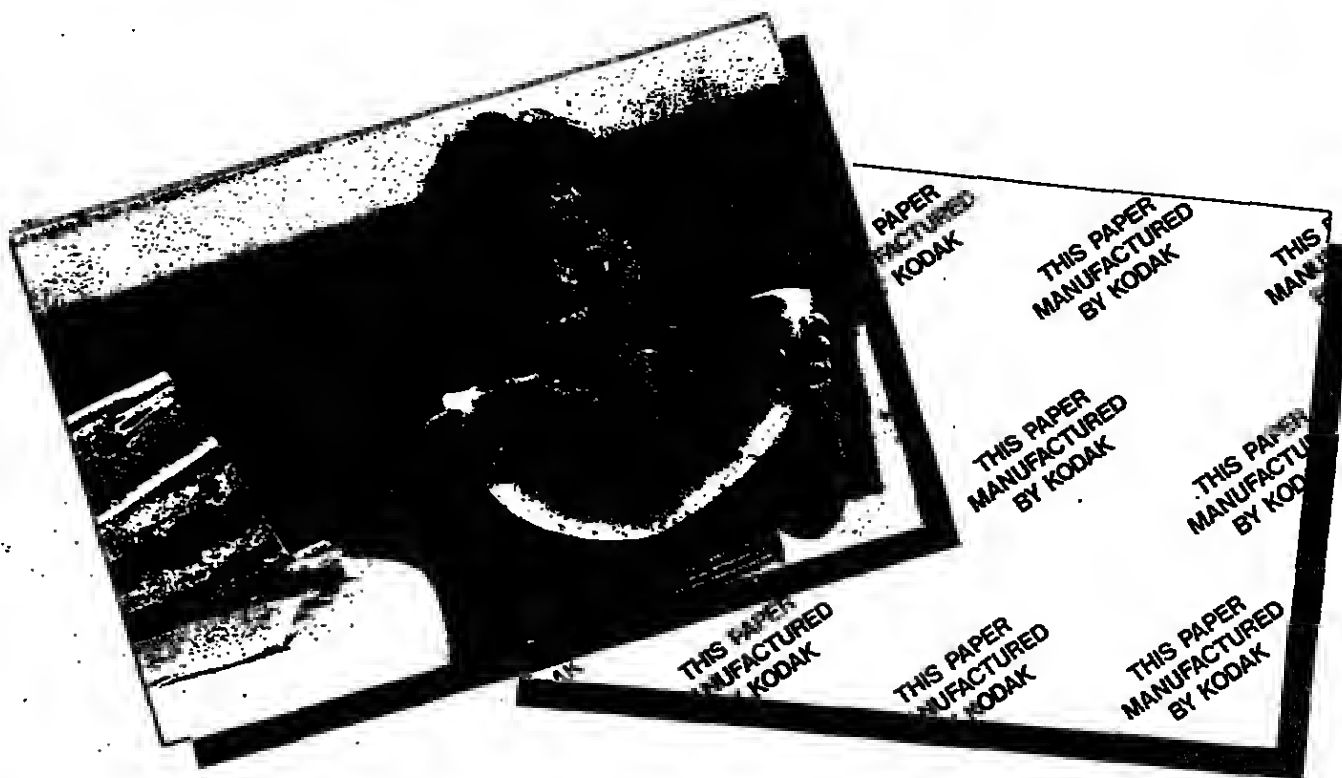
Williams said progress has been uneven. "It has been fairly good in India and the subcontinent which is now self-sufficient in food," Cambodia excepted. "This doesn't mean the problem of malnutrition has been solved," he added. "The least progress has been made in Africa where the situation is desperate," he declared.

Williams said progress in Latin America has been uneven, with distribution, due to sharp income level differences, a big factor. The WFC is seeking to battle food shortages

by urging countries to develop national food strategies based on comprehensive studies of individual country needs, potentials, resources, and carrying out policies to meet national goals.

Some of the major problems facing African countries, he said, were population growth, expanding urban centers being fed by imports, agricultural development devoted largely for export crops — low incomes, rising oil import costs which in some cases take over 50 per cent of a country's earnings, negative terms of trade, droughts, and political disturbances.

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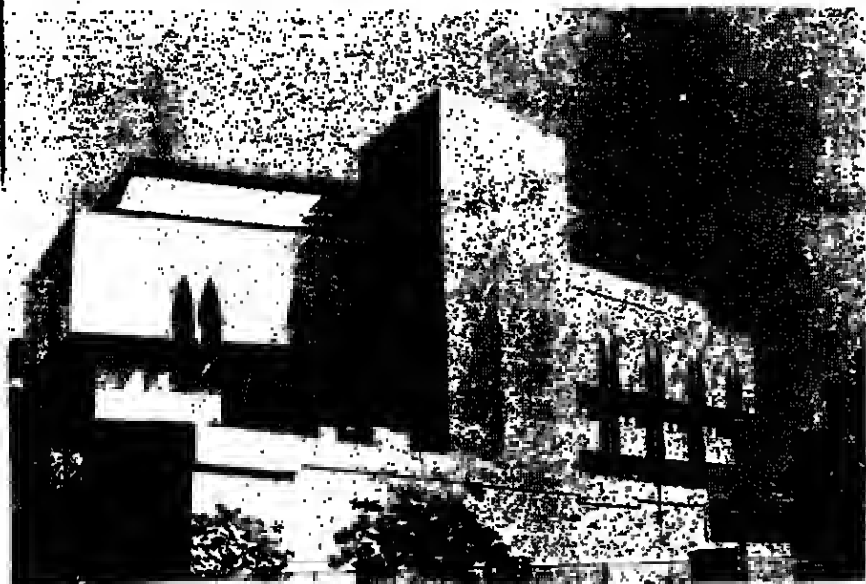


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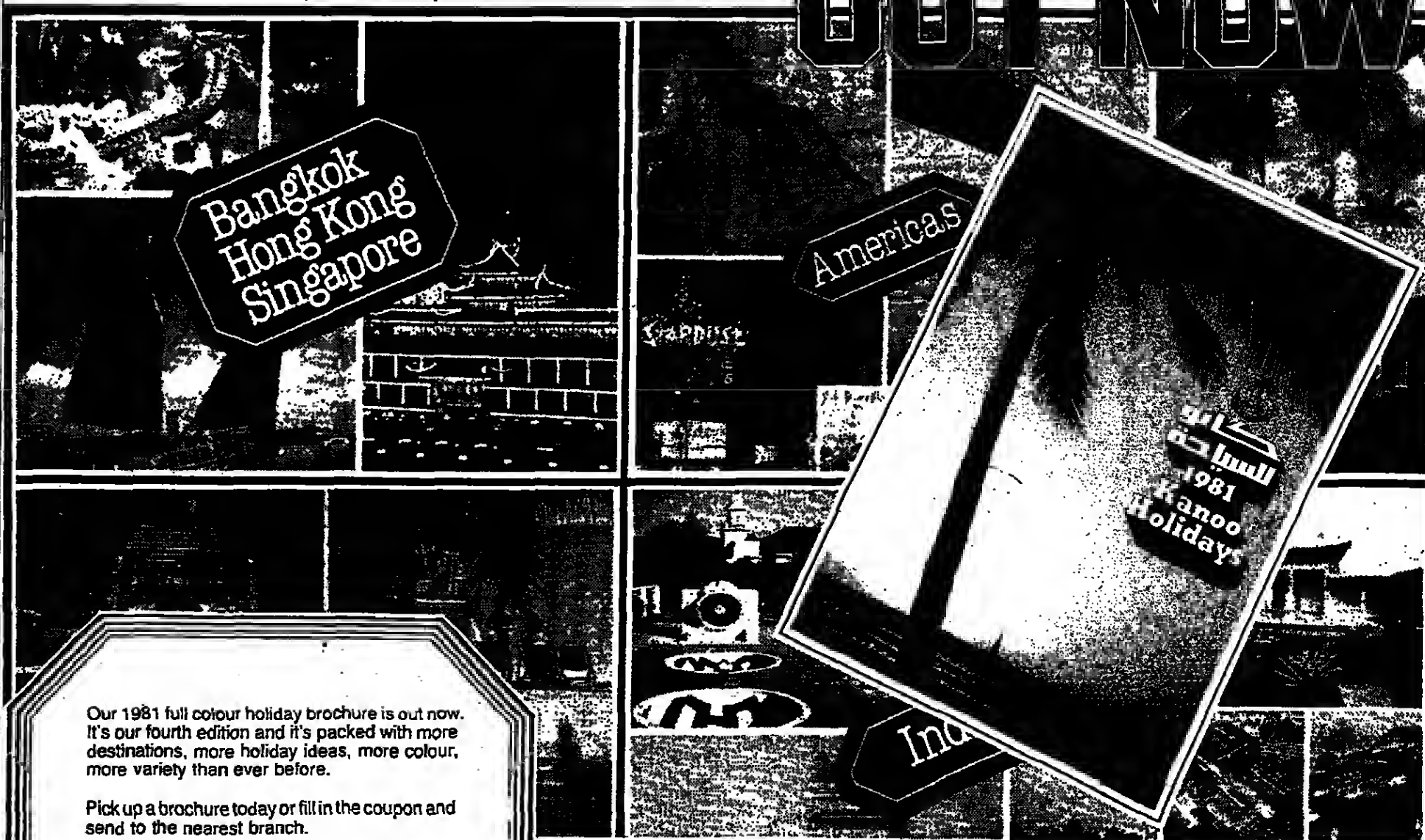
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Man of the Match scores 105

India humiliated by unbeaten Border

SYDNEY, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Queensland left handed opening batsman, Allan Border, dominated Thursday's one-day cricket international against India, with a superb unbeaten 105 from only 119 balls at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Border hit 12 boundaries in his innings of just over three hours, as Australia crushed India by nine wickets, scoring 1-183 to India's 9-180.

Border was so much the outstanding individual of the game, that three Indian judges chosen to select the man of the match, failed to give a second vote.

India had set Australia 181 runs to win. Sent into bat after Australia won the toss the Indians got away to a bright start undismayed by the Australian attack consisting of

Dennis Lillee, Rodney Hogg, Shaun Graf and Len Pascoe.

Diminutive Indian skipper Sunil Gavaskar, playing shots all around the wicket, rattled a bright 22 in 33 minutes including two fours.

He received strong support from his all rounder partner Roger Binny, who was elevated to the opening position when the Indian selectors decided not to use proven test opener Chetan Chauhan.

The Australians made their test opener Graeme Wood 12th man and the Indians twelfth man was Yograj Singh.

At the end of 49 overs when the players went to tea, India had lost nine wickets for 180 runs with Gundappa Viswanath top score with 43.

Shaun Graf had the best figures for

Australia taking two wickets for 23 runs.

India were 5-22 when Dennis Lillee captured the crucial wicket of Yashpal Sharma, who had made a capable 34.

Gundappa Viswanath resisted Australia for 137 minutes for his top score of 43, but overall, it was a disappointing performance by the Indians on a fast and true wicket.

Perhaps as it was their first experience under flood lights, they may have been a little overwhelmed by the occasion, but they batted first, and had warm, fine conditions to produce their best.

Border, and Australia's captain, Greg Chappell, (52 not out) shared a second wicket partnership of 127 in 132 minutes, after Border and John Dyson (20) had begun the innings with a stand of 56.

Australia's domination of the game more than averaged the 66 run loss to India in Melbourne earlier in the cup series.

The crowd of 27,000 chanted Border's name and kept up a thunder on the placards on the fence, as Border neared his century.

Valencia take 'Super Cup'

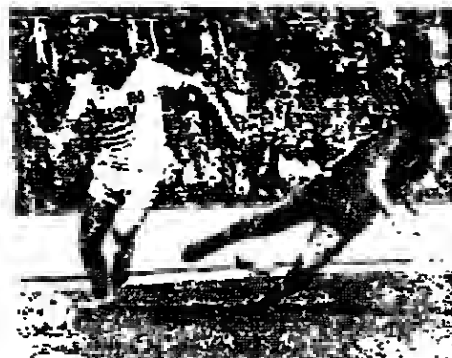
VALENCIA, Spain, Dec. 19 (R) — A scrambled goal six minutes into the second half won the European Super Cup for Valencia against England's Nottingham Forest Wednesday.

The goal, scored by the Uruguayan striker Fernando Morenaker sent the 40,000 fans who had crowded the Luss Casanova stadium into delirium against a background of exploding fireworks. Cars toured the streets with hooters blaring.

Morenaker's goal won the cup for Valencia as the goal they scored in their 2-1 first leg defeat in England was decisive under the away-goals rule.

The Super Cup is supposed to be a friendly spectacular between the winners of Europe's two top soccer competitions, but friendship was rarely evident in a rugged first half in which surprisingly Austrian referee Franz sent nobody off.

The goal came when the Spaniards were defending, a bad pass by Forest's Swiss forward Raimondo Ponte allowed Spanish international Enrique Saura to Runfree — a full 60 metres before lobbing the ball over goalkeeper Peter Shilton. It struck the crossbar and rebounded to give Morenaker a simple task.



LOST: Nottingham's Martin O'Neill, right, seen before scoring the goal which gave Forest the European Cup. He failed to repeat his goal last night as Forest crashed to Valencia.

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Nabisco tourney loses top players
Seeds crash in Sydney

DOWNED: Sashi Menon, India, who lost to John Sadri, seen in action at last year's Wimbledon.

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 19 (AP) — Top-seeded Guillermo Villas of Argentina led the parade as four of the top five seeds were upset Thursday in the third round of the \$125,000 Nabisco New South Wales men's tennis tournament.

Also falling were second-seed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia and Americans Vitas Gerulaitis and Brian Gottfried. After two days of stunning upsets only two of the top 10 seeds 0 Americans John Sadri and Brian Teacher — remain in the field.

Sadri beat India's Sashi Menon 6-4 6-1 1 and Teacher beat fellow American Peter Rennett 6-2, 6-4.

Australian Kim Warwick began the day with 6-3, 6-0 victory over Lendl. The loss cost the 20-year-old Czech 350 points he needed to overtake American John McEnroe in his bid to win \$100,000 in bonus money for finishing first in the 1980 Grand Prix standings.

"I will think about this whether I'm going to seek advice about playing on grass," said Lendl. "It's too early to say whether I've learned anything from today's game."

Australian Davis Cup player Phil Dent then beat Vilas 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 and another Australian Paul McEnroe, loomed as a real tournament threat after recording his third

victory over Gerulaitis, 7-6, 6-1.

Other players to move into Friday's quarter-finals were New Zealand's Russell Simpson. Israel's Shlomo Glickstein and American Fritz Buchning. Simpson ousted Gottfried 6-2, 6-4 and Glickstein had a 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 win over 19th-seed Rod Fawley of Australia while Buehning scored a 3-6, 6-1, 6-4 victory over fellow American Hank Porter.

London Marathon set

LONDON, Dec. 19 (R) — About 7,500 runners are expected to set off in the first London marathon on March 29, the organizers said Friday.

Race director Chris Brasher, a former Olympic steeplechase gold medalist, told a news conference that the race might even lower the 11-year-old world best time for the 26 miles 385 yards (42.2 km) distance — two hours eight minutes 34 seconds in Amsterdam by Australian Derek Clayton.

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Threatens to call supporters march

Ali wants Gardner fight

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AFP) — Former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali said Thursday he would call on supporters to march on New York if boxing officials refused to allow him to fight European heavyweight champion John Gardner.

Ali, who earlier this week told reporters that Allah opposed his return to the ring, announced Thursday that he had signed a contract to meet England's Gardner.

"If I am not allowed to fight John L. Gardner I will call all my people and all my fans to march from Harlem to Manhattan and from the Washington ghettos to the capitol," he said.

The go-ahead for the fight depends on the Nevada Boxing Commission who hold the ex-champions boxing permit.

Ali is scheduled to meet commission officials on December 29 to explain why he should still be allowed to box after his disastrous showing against Larry Holmes earlier this year.

Complained Ali Thursday "If you judged all fighters on one performance you would have to stop a whole lot of them fighting."

Gardner's manager, international promoter Micky Duff, later confirmed from Las Vegas that he had signed for an Ali fight subject to the permission from the British Board.

Ray Clarke, secretary of the British Board, was angry at the news of the proposed contest.

"We can refuse Gardner permission to go abroad and fight Ali but we cannot stop him physically," Clarke said. "We can only discipline him when he returns." He added: "If we get a proper application from Gardner we will consider it but our position has already been made perfectly clear. It is something the manager will have to think about carefully."

The board is of the opinion that the 38-year-old Ali should retire.

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CALL-UP: Muhammad Ali, in London, has threatened to call his supporters to march in protest.

New-look Brazilians eye Cup

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil Dec. 19 (AP) —

The Brazilian national soccer team changed dramatically in 1980. It got a new coach, new players, even a new style of play, and one thing everyone agrees on: The three-time world champion is back, playing well, and determined to add the "Mini World Cup" championship to its list of titles.

Argentina and West Germany (Brazil's first opponents in the tournament) might as well pack it up and go home. If we play the way we're playing now we'll beat everybody," says Socrates, the lanky medical doctor and centerforward who emerged last year as the new idol of Brazilian soccer.

The road to the "Mini World Cup" has been a hard one for Brazil. After winning its third world championship in Mexico in 1970 with a "dream team" that featured Pele, Gerson, and Rivelino "superstars," the national team hasn't won a major international tournament.

In the 1974 World Soccer Cup in Germany, Brazil finished fourth. In Argentina four years later on third place. These performances might be considered good in other countries but in Brazil fans were bitterly disappointed. Many blamed then-coach Claudio Coutinho for establishing a too-defensive style of play in the 1978 games.

Changes in the team began in late 1979.

New president Isao Figueiredo — and admitted soccer fan — created the Brazilian Soccer Confederation and gave it full powers over the national team. He put his trusted friend Giulio Coutinho (no relation to the team's coach) in charge and told reporters he fully supported whatever measures Coutinho might take.

Coutinho promptly created a "permanent all-star team," which he said was based on the model of Argentina's "permanent selection," developed by coach Cesar Luis Menotti. The new boss then fired coach Claudio Coutinho and named Tele Santana, the tactician coach of the prestigious Palmeiras team, to direct the national squad.

Santana immediately declared there would be no place for "prima donnas" on his team and said he expected even established stars to be "workhorses." He failed to name to the squad several popular, long-time members of the team, and he announced he was starting an "experimental phase," during which he would try out various players in different positions.

Fans and press quickly criticized this "trial and error" approach. They claimed Santana was wasting time by defining a base team.

Suddenly, in October, the team started to click. Practice sessions showed the squad was acquiring the unity that had been missing. On Oct. 30 Brazil demolished Paraguay 6-0 in an exhibition game in the mid-west city of Goiania, with a brilliant show of speed, skill and cohesion.

Brazil is now preparing for its first round matches in the "Mini World Cup," and they are confident of a Brazilian victory.

Says attacker Reinaldo one of the few veterans of the 1978 World Cup team, "The Germans play tight defense? Fine. We'll blow right by them and be facing the goal. The important thing is that we have confidence in our team."

Ipswich falls to Tottenham in thriller

LONDON, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Ipswich squandered one of the games they had in hand of the British soccer pacemakers when Tottenham beat them 5-3 in a pulsating match here Wednesday.

The defeat — only the second Ipswich have suffered in 20 league matches — leaves them two points behind Liverpool, the League holders, and three behind Aston Villa. But

Ipswich have played two fewer matches than both.

Three times Tottenham led and each time Ipswich drew level. Then, with 13 minutes left, Ipswich lost Eric Gates, deputy in the England team for Kevin Keegan. Gates was ordered off after lashing out in retaliation after a clash with Tottenham skipper Steve Perryman.

Within five minutes Spurs led for the fourth time through Steve Archibald then clinched it with a goal from Ordies, off home next week on his way to play for Argentina in the Champions Gold Cup.

Earlier Garth Crooks, Glenn Hoddle and Perryman had scored for Tottenham and, in turn, Paul Mariner (twice) and Gates had hauled Ipswich back to equality.

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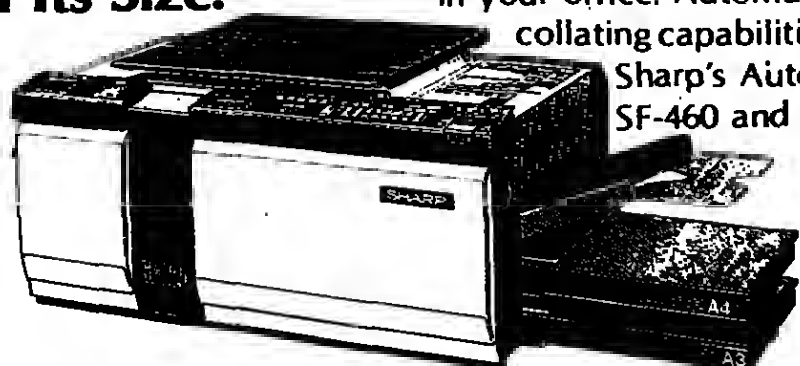
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Bidding Quiz

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

| East | South | West | North |
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| 1 ♣ | 1 ♠ | 2 ♠ | Pass |

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠ AK33 ♥ 84 ♦ Q72 ♣ AQ85
2. ♠ KJ85 ♥ 7 ♦ AQ96 ♣ KQ74
3. ♠ KJ6 ♥ AK9 ♦ KQJ82 ♣ K3
4. ♠ AK987 ♥ 6 ♦ KJ8 ♣ AQJ4

1. Pass. Once you've doubled for takeout, you are under no obligation to bid again unless partner responds with a cuebid or a jump bid — or unless you have values well in excess of a minimum double. To bid again over two clubs after partner has responded in minimum terms — he may have a very weak hand — would announce more values than you have. There is practically no chance for game opposite a two club response, and the clearest way of indicating this is by a pass.

2. Three clubs. Here also you have only 15 points, but the singleton heart elevates the over-all value of the hand just enough to justify a further bid. It is no longer impossible for partner to have the values necessary for a game. No thought should be given to mentioning your spades or diamonds. The proper way of

showing support for clubs is by raising them.

3. Two notrump. Bearing in mind that partner's response may be based on a trickless hand, two notrump announces very substantial values. The temptation to jump to three notrump should be firmly resisted, since such a leap into the unknown would indicate a tendency to bid in solo rather than in partnership style.

4. Four clubs. There are lots of messages you'd like to deliver at this point, but since the laws permit only one bid at a time, you just make the call best suited to the occasion.

Most worthy of consideration are two spades, three spades and four clubs. The last bid has the great merit of identifying a very powerful hand, and at the same time allows partner to get out from under, if by any chance he was dealt some horrible conglomeration of deuces and treys.

Two spades would understate your values, while three spades (forcing) would exaggerate them and could result in your being catapulted into a hopeless contract.

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Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
 Attend to social obligations. Visit with friends or get in touch by phone. You'll enjoy travel and cultural pursuits now.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
 Capitalize on financial opportunity. Follow through on commitments. A friend has an offbeat business suggestion. Be leery.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
 Show a new romantic interest some of your favorite haunts. Leisure activities are fun, but don't go overboard about love yet.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
 Keep those resolutions to get your house in order. Catch up on neglected work. An inspired hunch is worth heeding. Act now.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
 You'll want to join others in their activities. Plan social get-togethers and local visits. Creativity high. Enjoy artistic hobbies.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
 Extra career efforts pay off. Look for financial oppor-

tunities. Home-based activities highlighted. Enjoy togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
 Your optimism attracts good fellowship and benefits. Travel is favored. The artistically inclined enjoy increased creativity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
 Keep business negotiations confidential. Art objects appeal to you now. A sense of the beautiful aids you on shopping expeditions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
 Togetherness and conviviality mark this day. It's a time for entertaining and meeting new friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
 You're willing to work overtime now on a project that excites you. Later, you're in the mood for quiet times with loved ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
 Travel should be stimulating. A new romance is possible. A full schedule of hobbies and leisure activities keeps you on the go.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
 Home should be the center of operations now. You're effective in presenting new career ideas. Partnership rapport indicated.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

| ACROSS | DOWN |
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| 1 Evaluate | 4 Break bread |
| 7 Verneen | 5 One of a warning trio |
| 10 Emulate | 6 Withered |
| 11 Rich Little | 7 LSD reaction (sl.) |
| 12 Sailor's assent | 8 In a pig's |
| 13 Muscle | 9 Firsthand |
| 14 Seed covering | 10 Country in the headlines |
| 15 Heckler | 16 White cotton |
| 17 Hawaiian goose | 19 Million for Esposito |
| 18 "Pari Siamu," e.g. | 20 Initials before an alias |
| 21 Old style field-goal try | 22 Dog in fiction |
| 25 Part | 23 Eggs: Lat. |
| 26 Sinat's second mate | 24 "Joey" |
| 29 Soup ingredient | 25 Cry of delight |
| 30 Wall game | 26 Muffin |
| 33 American film critic | 27 Former |
| 34 One of TV's Cartwrights | 31 German article |
| 38 Trampled on | 32 Jeremiad |
| 41 Riot-control agent | 35 Isadora Duncan's field |
| 42 Here (Fr.) | 36 Ronald Reagan was one |
| 44 Purplish rose | 37 Football's — Joe Greene |
| 46 L.A. athlete | 38 Panama's Torrijos |
| 47 Needlepoint lace | 39 Surrealist painter |
| 48 Sheep | 40 Sound of the raven |
| 49 Tex or John DOWN | 41 Acquire |
| 1 Love, in Rome | |
| 2 Protest demonstration | |
| 3 Dried out | |

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 5:22 All Star Soccer
 5:30 Safety Film
 6:49 Cinema
 7:14 Little House on the prairie
 7:30 Last Resort
 8:23 Channel 3 feature

VOA

5:00 News Roundup
 Reports: Actualities
 Opinion: Analysis
 6:30 Deadline
 News Summary
 9:00 Special English
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 3:00 NEWS
 3:10 Press Review
 3:15 Music
 3:20 Majma' of Islam
 3:30 A Selection of Music
 3:40 A Selection of Music
 3:50 Closures

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 9:01 Holy Quran
 9:05 Quran of Guidance
 9:10 Light Music
 9:15 Hope and Music
 9:45 The Golden Age
 10:00 A Viewpoint
 10:00 Music
 10:01 NEWS
 10:25 S.A. — A Daily Chronicle
 10:30 Melody Master
 11:00 A Leaf from Life's Notebook
 11:15 Top of the Pops
 11:45 On Islam
 12:00 Melody Time
 12:30 Music
 12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
 01:00 Closures

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8:00 World News
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 9:00 Newsweek
 9:30 Open Star
 10:00 World News
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 10:30 Sarah Ward
 10:45 Something to Show You
 11:00 World News
 11:09 Reflections
 11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
 12:00 World News
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 12:15 World Today
 12:30 Financial News
 12:40 Look Ahead
 12:45 The Tony Myatt

Evening Transmission

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 1:30 Discovery
 2:00 World News
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 2:15 Alphabet of Musical Curses
 2:30 Sports International
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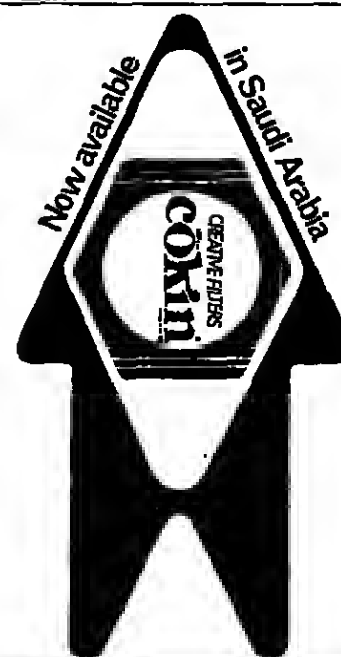
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Demands security deposit

Iran's 'final reply' en-route to Algiers

TEHRAN, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Algerian diplomats flew to Algiers Friday carrying Iran's "final reply" to the U.S. on conditions for releasing the 52 American hostages.

A top Iranian official said Iran has demanded that securities be deposited with the Algerians government to satisfy the question of financial guarantees. There was no statement by the Algerians who are acting as intermediaries between Iran and the U.S. prior to their departure following a 16 day stay in Tehran.

But a top Iranian official told reporters gathered at Mehrabad Airport in Tehran that Iran has demanded in part that the U.S.

deposit and unspecified amount of money or securities with the Algerian government to satisfy the demand for financial guarantees.

Ahmad Azizi, spokesman for Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai, said one of the guarantees includes "depositing a particular amount" with the government of Algeria. He declined to provide further details but said he expected the Algerians would go to Washington to spell out the Iranian position.

The next step would be in the hands of the United States government, Azizi said.

Asked to explain what Iran means by demanding financial guarantees, he replied, "In general we have asked for valid guarantees for execution of the liabilities of the

United States."

Pressed to state whether Iran was insisting on the deposit of money or securities as some form of escrow, he referred to the deposit with Algeria. The hostages were spending their 412th day in captivity Friday.

Earlier, the Algerian ambassador to Washington, Rehda Malek, confirmed that the diplomats had concluded their talks at least temporarily. "We are finished for the time being," he told reporters at his hotel while declining to comment on his assessment of the lengthy negotiations.

The diplomats only received the finished Iranian documents Thursday and spent all day huddling with authorities to iron out precise details. Malek also confirmed to a reporter that the Iranian response has been transmitted to officials in Washington.

Artillery shelling rocks Khuzistan; mediation planned

BEIRUT, Dec. 19 (AP) — Heavy artillery exchanges were reported continuing between Iranian and Iraqi forces, mainly in the southern oil province of Khuzistan.

The official Iranian news agency, Pars, said Thursday Iranian forces using heavy artillery had managed to thwart several operations mounted by Iraqi commandos. Earlier, Pars reported Iranian defenses had shot down two Iraqi helicopter gunships during raids around Dezful and Ahwaz. A communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio acknowledged the loss of two choppers and the death of eight Iraqi troops, and said 37 Iranian troops were killed in attacks Wednesday night and Thursday.

Iran said its artillery bases near the besieged Iranian oil refining city of Abadan blasted the southern Iraqi highway which links the main Iraqi oil loading station at Fao in the southernmost tip of the Shatt Al-Arab waterway and the Iraqi port of Basrah. Iraq maintained a tight siege around Abadan, the last Iranian stronghold on the Shatt Al-Arab, where the Iranians, have been trying to break out.

Al Medina Newspaper reported the Palestine Liberation Organization was working on a fresh mediation proposal to end the fighting, based on pooling the mediation efforts of the non-aligned and Islamic countries. PLO chief Yasser Arafat had earlier made an unsuccessful attempt to effect a ceasefire.

"The PLO is trying to unify the separate mediations of the non-aligned and Islamic nations," Khaled Hassan, political adviser to Arafat, told the paper.

The 94-nation non-aligned movement headed by Cuba as well as the 40-nation Organization of Islamic Conference headed by Pakistan attempted separate mediation efforts. Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmerca shuttle between Iraq and Iran for the fifth time this month and later informed Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi the chances for an early ceasefire were dim.

Although winter snows and rains prevented any major advances on both sides of the 483 km battlefield, the leaders of both nations seem reluctant in their stand against a ceasefire. Iraqi President Saddam Hussein insists Iran should recognize Iraqi total sovereignty over the 193 km Shatt Al-Arab in exchange for an Iraqi withdrawal.



ROLLER-SWEEPER: Albert Foss, a Stockton, Massachusetts, grocer, takes to his roller skates to speed up end-of-day chores. Foss has been skating since he was a boy.

Gunfire sweeps Kabul

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19 (R) — Diplomatic sources in New Delhi have reported a series of shooting incidents, explosions and fires in the Afghan capital Kabul over the past week. In the countryside, Soviet troops were conducting sweeps against anti-government guerrillas. Sources said gunfire was heard every night in Kabul during the past week. A cinema in the Karte Nau district was damaged by fire following an explosion on Dec. 12.

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concern for the Filipino Muslims.

We are appreciative of what has been done to help them," Badr told Marcos. He said Saudi Arabia has an estimated 130,000 Filipino workers aside from awarding contracts for infrastructure projects to Philippine construction firms. The president expressed the hope that Saudi Arabia would welcome more workers and contractors from the Philippines.

He assured Badr that "our government realizes our dependence on Saudi Arabia not only on construction projects but also on technical matters." Badr told Marcos his visit was aimed at promoting closer cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the Philippines. He said Philippine stevedoring, dredging and construction firms are welcomed to participate in the development program of his country.

Badr also conveyed to Marcos the greetings and the desire of the Saudi Arabian Royal family for the continued friendship of the two countries. Before the luncheon, Badr was conferred the order of Sikatuna, Rank of Dam, for his services in the field of international relations as minister of state and ports authority president of Saudi Arabia.

The citation said that Dr. Badr, as a worthy advocate of Philippine-Saudi Arabian friendship, has made distinct contributions to the enhancement of bilateral relations between the two countries.

Propagandist begs Peking to spare him

PEKING, Dec. 19 (AP) — As his lawyers argued that he had already confessed his crimes, Yan Wenyuan, the "Gang of Four" propagandist who has been likened to a Nazi, asked the supreme court Friday to spare his life. Communist Chinese sources said.

The sources said two Shanghai lawyers argued that Yan, 49, deserved leniency because he had cooperated with authorities and shown a relatively good attitude. Yao was a politburo member and media manipulator for the radical "Gang of Four" during the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution. He helped control the party propaganda machinery, including the leading newspaper, *The People's Daily*.

The People's Daily recently compared him to Hitler's propagandist, Paul Joseph Goebbels, and said he used his pen to "kill without blood."

Yao and his co-defendants face possible death sentences if they are convicted of treason, frame ups and persecutions. More than 30,000 people are said to have died as a result of purges at their orders.

The trial is closed to the foreign press on grounds party and state secrets will be divulged. In another court, meanwhile, ex-army Chief of Staff Huang Yongsheng appeared for the debate phase of his trial. He is accused of plotting to assassinate late Chairman Mao Tse-Tung and stage an armed coup. He also is accused of ordering persecutions in the army.

Poland restricts meat purchases

WARSAW, Dec. 19 (Agencies) — Poland has announced plans for its first meat rationing since the years immediately after World War II. At the same time, labor leader Lech Walesa said he thought a Soviet invasion unlikely.

Warsaw Radio assured listeners Thursday that ships were arriving daily with meat, candy and fruit, and television news programs detailed production of carp. But lines at Warsaw shops appeared even longer than usual and supplies, even boosted for the holidays, were expected to remain far from plentiful.

Meat coupons being distributed at enterprises and state offices guaranteed each Pole, regardless of age, one-half kilogram of choice meat for the rest of December.

Walesa, meanwhile, said in a radio interview that he did not think the Soviet Union would invade Poland. Walesa, questioned in Warsaw by the Italian state radio, said he was not afraid of a Soviet invasion. "I have never been afraid, nor will I ever be," he said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

This column received some favorable reaction to the stories a few days back involving children. There were cries for more — so here goes.

The teacher asked the child who was responsible for opening the Suez Canal. The little boy answered that it wasn't him, that he was never anywhere near it, and that this was the first time he ever heard of the incident. The teacher then mentioned this to the boy's father, who immediately said that if his little boy said it wasn't him then there was no doubt this was true, as the lad never tells lies. Then, as father and son walked home from school, the father turned and asked: "Look here, man to man, and just so that I can set my mind at rest, did you do it?"

Mother and daughter were in a train. Time to give the child a snack, the mother thought, and handed her a banana. The second the child sank her teeth into it the train went through a tunnel. Complete darkness. "Mummy, are you eating a banana as well?" asked the girl. "No," said the mother. "Why?" "Good, don't," said the girl. "I just did and can't see anymore."

The high school teacher asked the young man in the classroom, "When did the Arabs conquer Spain?" "I don't know," "Who was the leader of this expedition?" "I don't know," "Who was the first Arab governor of Egypt?" "No idea."

The teacher was angry. "I gave you all this for homework yesterday. How do you expect to pass your exams without doing your homework?" "I don't know," says the young man, "I only came in to fix the air conditioner..."

Translated from Ashraf Al-Awadi

Gold declines slightly

LONDON, Dec. 19 (AP) — The dollar was weaker on foreign exchanges Friday, and gold prices also declined slightly. London's five bullion houses fixed a recommended morning gold price of \$573.50, down from \$575.75 on Thursday.

In Zurich, gold traded at a median \$573.50 an ounce, down one dollar. Earlier in Hong Kong, gold closed at \$578.1, down 35 cents. Silver was quoted in London at mid-morning at \$15.40 an ounce, down from \$15.45.

In London, the pound was worth \$2.3283 yen, up from Thursday but a little below last Friday's closing 210.40.

Gold, which had closed down \$5 in New York late Thursday at \$571 was in high demand as the traditionally quiet Christmas holiday period approached, dealers said.

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